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ALBERT ETHELBERT EBERT, the Nestor of American Pharmacy, is gone—gone, but not forgotten.

For over half a century he was engaged in Pharmacy and for forty years the name of Ebert was associated with every movement for the advancement of Pharmacy as a Science and its progress as a Profession.

There may be and doubtless are other men who have attained greater prominence in some especial department of Pharmacy, but it is believed that there is no one whose name and association have been so long and well known to the Pharmacists of America as that of Albert E. Ebert.

Possessed of a superior intellect, a fine mind and a keenly analytical disposition, he often appeared in a critical, and to his best friends in an uncompromising, too combative an attitude.

But those who knew him best were well aware that beneath this apparent dominating exterior—this fearless, restless spirit—was as warm and generous a heart as ever beat for the weak, the poor and lowly and especially the young and inexperienced in his own profession. It was his absolute incarnate unselfish and altruistic devotion to Pharmacy, which fortified him with an indomitable will and persistent courage that brooked no interference and made him sometimes oppose friend and foe alike.

He was far-sighted in matters pharmaceutical and often in the minority on questions which eventually proved the correctness of his views. His sole ambition was to improve the status and practice of Pharmacy and to extend and promote the usefulness of the American Pharmaceutical Association. To Ebert the greatest man that ever lived was Wm. Procter, with whom he became associated early in life and to whom he became more deeply attached than even a brother. He felt Procter's loss at an early age most keenly and seemed in testimony of his dear friend, to assume his burden, to carry

out in so far as it was in his power, the project and progress of the American Pharmaceutical Association, as based on the eternal principles laid down in the Constitution.

His first and last thought was of the Association and its work.

His last words, while on his death-bed, were:

The American Pharmaceutical Association,

It was my Life; it gave me a Profession!

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Of late years Mr. Ebert devoted much time and thought to Historical Pharmacy in the A. Ph. A. and as Historian to the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, in the Anniversary Volume of which appeared the following sketch:

Mr. Ebert was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 23, 1840, and came to this country with his parents in 1841. His father was a horticulturist and gardener, and with his family settled in Chicago, where later young Albert received a part of his education in public and private schools.

In October, 1853, he entered the drug store of F. Scammon & Co., 140 Lake Street, Chicago, where he served for four years as an apprentice. He then entered the store of Henry Bronold, with whom he remained two years, familiarizing himself with German pharmacy, at the end of which period he returned to the old store, which, in the meantime, had changed owners and had become the store of Sargent & Ilsley. Here he took charge of the retail department, remaining until 1861. In 1859, on the organization of the Chicago College of Pharmacy, he enrolled himself as a student and attended lectures in that institution until 1861, when the course was suspended, owing to the breaking out of the Civil War.

Young Ebert then entered the employ of Dr. F. Mahla, a distinguished chemist of Chicago, with whom he remained two years. In 1863 he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating therefrom at the head of his class in 1864. During this time he was also a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and was associated with Prof. Edward Parrish in the school of pharmacy for the training of applicants to the medical departments of the army and navy, and for students preparing for examination in medical colleges.

In 1864 he attended the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Cincinnati and was elected a member of that organiza-

tion. Returning to Chicago he became the manager of the retail and manufacturing department of E. H. Sargent & Co., where he remained for three years, gaining quite a reputation as a chemist. Desiring to prosecute his studies still further, Mr. Ebert next went to the University of Munich, Bavaria, where he studied under Professor Justus Von Liebig and under Wittstein, in whose laboratories he completed his studies, receiving the degree in philosophy. With Professor Procter of Philadelphia and John Faber of New York, he represented the United States at the International Pharmaceutical Congress in Paris in 1867, after which he traveled for several months with Professor Procter in Switzerland, Germany and France.

Soon after this Mr. Ebert went to Dundee, Scotland, as a delegate from the American Pharmaceutical Association to the British Pharmaceutical Conference, and was made an honorary member of that body. During his stay in Great Britain he made the acquaintance of the leading chemists and pharmacists of that country, his letters of introduction from Liebig, Wittstein, Procter and others giving him unusual facilities for observation and instruction among the teachers of chemistry and pharmacy.

In 1868 Mr. Ebert returned to Chicago and opened a pharmacy at Twelfth and State Streets, from which he retired in 1877, after having made a fortune, in order to devote himself to the manufacture of grape sugar and glucose at Milwaukee, Peoria, Chicago and also in Leavenworth, Kansas. He invented the sulphurous process for the manufacture of starch and glucose.

Having lost most of his money in the glucose business, then a new venture, in 1883, Mr. Ebert purchased the Pharmacy at the northwest corner of State and Polk Streets, and in the following year acquired another store at the southwest corner of Madison and Halsted Streets. The management of the latter proving uncongenial he sold it after a few years and continued at the State Street Pharmacy until this year, when he was forced to move a few doors west.

In 1868, *The Pharmacist*, a publication of the Chicago College of Pharmacy was started and Mr. Ebert became its editor, a position which he held until 1876. This publication, in 1887, was merged with the *Western Druggist*.

Mr. Ebert was professor of pharmacy in the Chicago College of Pharmacy and was chiefly instrumental in securing the admission of the College into the University of Illinois in 1896, being a member of the Advisory Board ever since. He was vice-president of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1868 and president in 1873,

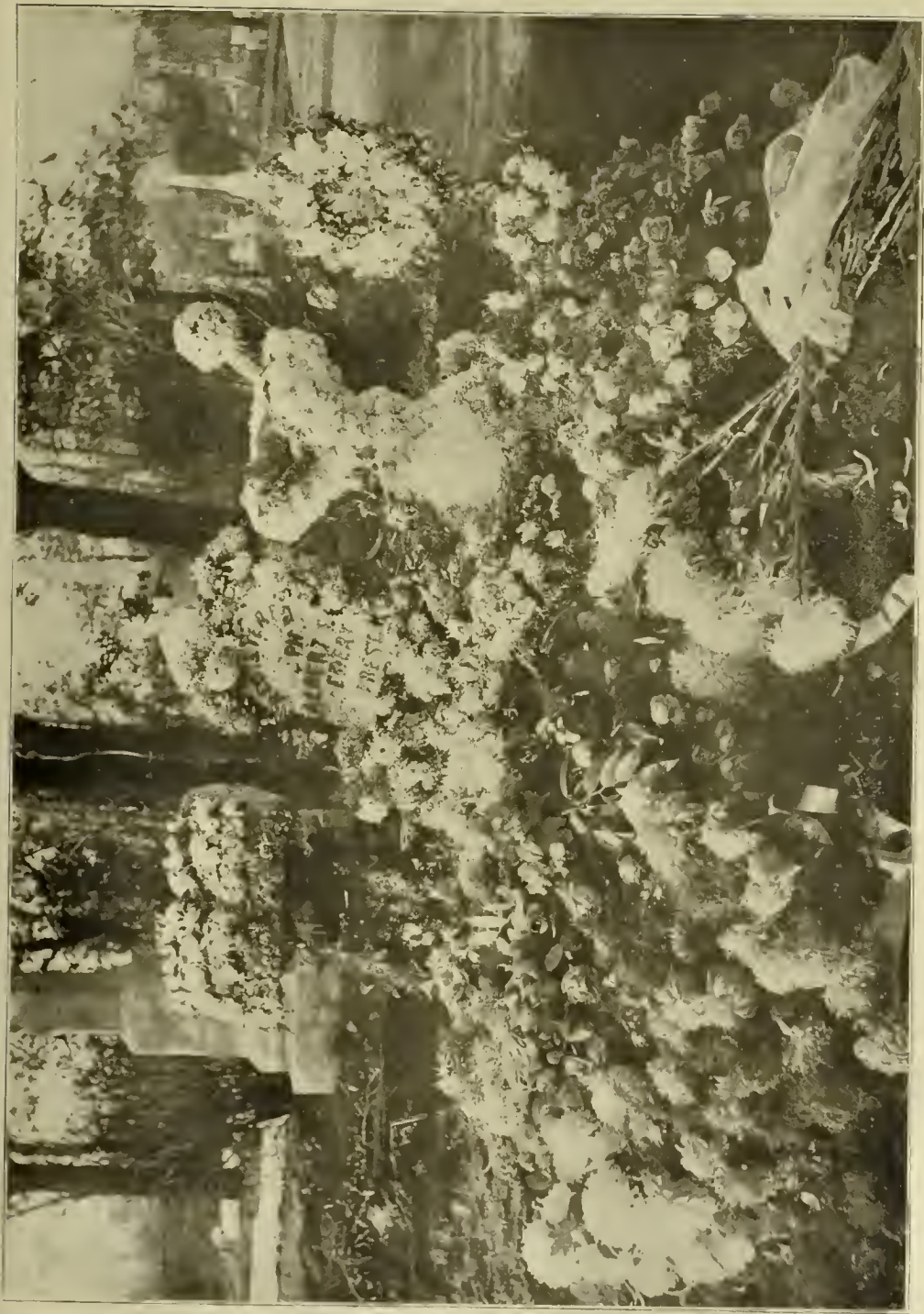
when he founded the Ebert Prize for scientific research, the original donation of 500 dollars now amounting to 900 dollars. He was on the Committee for the Revision of the United States Pharmacopœia in 1870, was vice-president of the national convention for its revision in 1890 and was again a member of the convention in 1900, being elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pharmacopœial Convention. He has been a prominent contributor to the leading pharmaceutical journals for many years and in collaboration with A. Emil Hiss, he prepared the Standard Formulary. Mr. Ebert served five years on the Illinois Board of Pharmacy and was a member of the Chicago Historical Society, the Academy of Sciences, etc.

He was married in 1871 to Miss May L. Whiteley, who died April 10, 1906.

While in apparent good health Mr. Ebert for many years was suffering from some intestinal complaint, aggravated in recent years by a diabetic tendency. The loss of his beloved wife was a severe blow to him and some of his most intimate friends expressed doubts as to his being able to successfully withstand the shock. On Sunday, November 4, he visited President Eliel in South Bend and spent the day pleasantly in company of Messrs. Meissner, Wooten and Hallberg, their wives and Messrs. Meyer and Reyer and their families. Two days after his return he had a severe chill, complained of his old trouble and on advice of his physician went to bed. Nothing serious was expected and the following Tuesday, at the Branch Meeting, one of the physicians reported that Mr. Ebert was out of danger and would soon be about. He quickly took a turn for the worse, however, and Saturday was removed to St. Luke's Hospital, to be operated on, the disease having been diagnosed as appendicitis. An abscess having formed, a preliminary operation was performed, Sunday night, which he stood well, but which left him in such condition, superinduced by his diabetic state, that he began to lose ground the following night and passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 20, at 4.45 p. m., in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteley, his nearest relatives, and Dr. Hugh Wisdom.

THE CEREMONIES

Never in the history in Chicago was such an outpouring of druggists and persons connected with the drug trade, as assembled at the Chicago College of Pharmacy, Friday morning, November 23, to



GRAVE OF ALBERT E. EBERT IN GRACELAND CEMETERY
THE FINAL CEREMONIES, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1906.
(Photographed by H. F. Schaper.)

pay respects to their departed friend. The simple cloth-covered casket was placed in the Chemistry Lecture Hall against a background of floral offerings, imposing in splendid beauty, by the Pallbearers, comprising the following members of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association: Messrs. T. N. Jamieson, Jno. Blocki, W. Bodemann, W. K. Forsyth, F. J. Schroeter and F. M. Schmidt. The Imperial Quartette rendered "Lead, Kindly Light." and C. S. N. Hallberg introduced the President of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, Theo. H. Patterson, who referred feelingly to the deceased and called on the secretary W. Bodemann who read the following resolutions adopted at a special meeting and also spoke of his long acquaintance with Mr. Ebert and his good qualities:

In Mr. Ebert's death the C. V. D. A. lost one of its most honored charter members, ex-president and historian, to whose indefatigable energy and industry we owe the collection of historical data of the history of Chicago pharmacy. It was due to Mr. Ebert's suggestion that the old-time druggists were called together on June 21, 1898, the date of the birth of our C. V. D. A. In Mr. Ebert we lost one of Chicago's best-known pharmacists, one who was ever ready to go to the limit of his ability to help a druggist in distress, one who was ever ready to do yeoman work when the cause of pharmacy was at stake.

The C. V. D. A. in quarterly meeting assembled goes on record as the chief mourner at his bier. We who knew him best, appreciate his value most and honor ourselves by honoring his memory. The name of Ebert is imperishable in the history of American pharmacy, but he was ours in a peculiar way, for we loved and respected him for his untiring efforts to promote the cultivation of fraternal feeling among the old-time druggists who made history and whose history he wrote.

The principal address was then made by Geo. P. Engelhard who analyzed the peculiar attitude of Mr. Ebert in matters spiritual and rendered most appropriately Thanatopsis by William Cullen Bryant. As the speaker dramatically turned to the bier and eloquently called on the spirit of Ebert to answer, the several hundred friends present realized that while the "man" Ebert was gone his "spirit" lives and will continue to be an inspiration to all who have pharmacy dear to their hearts. Short addresses were made by Leo Eliel, president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Dr. H. M. Whelpley, on behalf of the Trustees of the Pharmacopœial Convention and for the Chicago College of Pharmacy Faculty and the University of Illinois by Professor Wm. B. Day.

This closed the exercises and the cortege wended its way up Michigan Boulevard by special permission of the authorities to Graceland Cemetery, where all that remained of Albert Ethelbert

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Ebert was laid alongside of his departed, dearly beloved wife as was expressed by both of them their dearest and last wish on earth.

Among institutions represented were the following:

Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association.
American Pharmaceutical Association.
Chicago Branch of American Pharmaceutical Association.
United States Pharmacopœial Convention Trustees.
Chicago College of Pharmacy, Alumni Association.
University of Illinois.
Northwestern University School of Pharmacy.
St. Louis College of Pharmacy.
Purdue University School of Pharmacy.
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.
Illinois Board of Pharmacy.
Illinois Pharmaceutical Association.
Missouri Pharmaceutical Association.
Indiana Pharmaceutical Association.
National Wholesale Druggists' Association.
National Association Retail Druggists.
Chicago Retail Druggists' Association.
Chicago Drug Trade Club.
Chicago Social Drug Club.

THANATOPSIS

To him who in the love of Nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language; for his gayer hours
She has a voice of gladness, and a smile
And eloquence of beauty, and she glides
Into his darker musings, with a mild
And healing sympathy, that steals away
Their sharpness, ere he is aware. When thoughts
Of the best bitter hour come like a blight
Over thy spirit, and sad images
Of the stern agony, and shroud, and pall,
And breathless darkness, and the narrow house,
Make thee to shudder, and grow sick at heart;
Go forth, under the open sky, and list
To Nature's teachings, while from all around—
Earth and the waters, and the depths of air—
Comes a still voice—Yet a few days and thee
The all-beholding sun shall see no more
In all his course; nor yet in the cold ground,
Where thy pale form was laid, with many tears,
Nor in the embrace of ocean, shall exist
Thy image. Earth, that nourished thee, shall claim
Thy growth, to be resolved to earth again,
And, lost each human trace, surrendering up
Thine individual being, shalt thou go
To mix forever with the elements,
To be a brother to the insensible rock
And to the sluggish clod, which the rude swain
Turns with his share, and treads upon. The oak
Shall send his roots abroad, and pierce thy mould.

Yet not to thine eternal resting-place
Shalt thou retire alone, nor couldst thou wish
Couch more magnificent. Thou shalt lie down
With patriarchs of the infant world—with kings,
The powerful of the earth—the wise, the good,
Fair forms, and hoary seers of ages past,
All in one mighty sepulchre, The hills
Rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun,—the vales
Stretching in pensive quietness between;
The venerable woods, rivers that move
In majesty, and the complaining brooks
That make the meadows green; and, poured round all
Old ocean's gray and melancholy waste,—
Are but the solemn decorations all
Of the great tomb of man. The golden sun,

The planets, all the infinite host of heaven,
Are shining on the sad abodes of death,
Through the still lapse of ages. All that tread
The globe are but a handful to the tribes
That slumber in its bosom.—Take the wings
Of morning, pierce the Barcan wilderness,
Or lose thyself in the continuous woods
Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound,
Save his own dashings—yet the dead are there:

And millions in those solitudes, since first
The flight of years began, have laid them down
In their last sleep—the dead reign there alone.
So shalt thou rest, and what if thou withdraw
In silence from the living, and no friend
Take note of thy departure? All that breathe
Will share thy destiny. The gay will laugh,
When thou art gone, the solemn brood of care
Plod on, and each one as before will chase
His favorite phantom; yet all these shall leave
Their mirth and their employments, and shall come
And make their bed with thee. As the long train
Of ages glide away, the sons of men,
The youth in life's green spring, and he who goes
In full the strength of years, matron and maid,
The speechless babe, and the gray-headed man—
Shall one by one be gathered to thy side,
By these, who in their turn shall follow them.

So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Tribute

by

Leo Eliel

Henry Milton Whelpley

Conrad Lewis Diehl

Joseph Price Remington

EBERT—A LEADER AMONG MEN

By LEO ELIEL, South Bend, Ind.

President, American Pharmaceutical Association, 1906-7.

While memory holds a seat
In this distracted globe. Remember thee?
Yea, from the table of my memory,
I'll wipe away all trivial, fond records.

Remembrance of the Indianapolis meeting, then following this, those pleasant and enjoyable social gatherings immediately after the Convention, which the late lamented Albert E. Ebert so thoroughly enjoyed, seemingly in the best of health, caused the news of his illness and sudden taking away, to come as a shock of distinct personal loss to us all.

Those who enjoyed the privilege of a close personal acquaintance with Mr. Ebert knew him as a broad minded man of rare attainments, with a clear, analytical mind, quick to note the right or wrong of any proposition. Always a ready champion for the cause to which he had devoted his life, he would never hesitate to sacrifice his own interests, if he thought it would help the betterment of anything pertaining to pharmacy. At the meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association, he was the earnest, enthusiastic and conscientious apostle for those principles for which he stood and deemed right. A soldier, always on guard and never found napping. As a debater, he had few equals, his enthusiasm and earnestness, combined with his incisive and clear-cut logic, frequently won victories when all seemed in opposition.

He will be missed in our counsels, especially in those affairs of national importance, where he was ever ready to make a good fight for anything to protect or advance the interests of pharmacy.

He belonged to that older type of Apothecaries, who are so rapidly disappearing in this country.

He was a leader among men, like unto a bright beacon light on a high rock, lighting the way to a safe harbor.

My personal acquaintance with Mr. Ebert dates back to 1874, starting with an errand in search of information in connection with the economical manufacture of some new pharmaceutical product. I was drawn to him from the start, his personality and genial manner, his earnestness and deep interest in the professional welfare of his fellow pharmacists, impressed me so, that upon every occasion when in Chicago, I visited him. In this way we formed a close and lasting

friendship. For many years our trips to the meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association were made in company, and matters relating to the Association and pharmacy in general were the themes that always interested him most. His clear and keen perception and farsightedness, are best illustrated by a remark made at our first meeting: "My boy," he said, "I am apprehensive that in time the manufacturing pharmacists will take that away from us which we are now doing, and will flood the country with their special products, so that the Pharmacopœia will be a thing of the past, and the pharmacist will have lost his calling."

In his private life he was gentle, patient and kind. He was devoted to his wife, who, through an accident, became an invalid. There is no doubt that her death, which occurred in the spring, hastened his taking away.

American pharmacists have suffered a great loss in the death of Albert E. Ebert; we shall not soon see his like again.

ALBERT E. EBERT AS I KNEW HIM

By DR. HENRY M. WHELPLEY, St. Louis, Mo.

President, American Pharmaceutical Association, 1901-2.

I first met Mr. Ebert at the Milwaukee convention of the A. Ph. A. in 1884. It was my first acquaintance with the Association and its members. At the time I wondered why Mr. Ebert took such an interest in me and gave me encouragement in my work. I subsequently learned that it was his nature to look after strangers and especially the young ones at conventions. He enjoyed making them feel at home and at the same time he realized that many useful members are secured as permanent association workers in this manner. From August, 1884, to September, 1906, it was my good fortune to meet Mr. Ebert two or three times a year, and I felt as well acquainted with him as with any pharmaceutical or medical friend.

His character was a strong one and many sided and understood by only a few. His ruling passion was to serve the cause of pharmacy the world over. All other considerations and interests were secondary in his thoughts and actions. In this work he was impatient and often disappointed in the results. Being absolutely fearless in the expression of his thoughts, friends as well as those who could not be counted in that fortunate list felt the sting of his impatient criticism. It was necessary to understand his noble ambition and self-sacrificing industry to forgive him on such occa-

sions. In public and organization affairs, he was the best judge of human nature that I ever met. He was unsuccessful in municipal political affairs because he could not be counted upon to recognize a political machine. In association work he studiously avoided positions of honor or trust, but managed to dictate who should be given such responsibilities. In making selections, he had in view the good of the organization and in exercising his judgment he never feared a foe nor favored a friend, simply because he was a friend. This occasionally caused office-seeking friends to accuse him of infidelity. His last office of honor was the chairmanship of the Historical Section of the A. Ph. A. His friends could read the feeling of relief in his countenance as he discharged the last duty in that position and remarked, "No more honors for me." The only office of trust in which he seemed to take particular pleasure was his position as trustee of the Pharmacopœia. His last letter to me was largely devoted to an effort to have an early meeting of the trustees for the consideration of important subjects on which he had positive views.

Albert E. Ebert was always very companionable but had a wonderfully successful way of directing the course of conversation. He was never frivolous and avoided all common-place talk, not excepting comments on the weather. Of late years, he was frequently reminiscent, but even here he followed along well fixed lines of conversation, seldom indulging in anecdotes unless they pertained to such men as Procter, Parish, Maisch and Rice, for whom he had a feeling closely akin to veneration. Ebert was ambitious, self-reliant and aware of his power and courage, but he was in no sense haughty, pompous, self-conceited nor supercilious. It was years before I fully understood the extent to which he enjoyed obtaining results without himself appearing in the lime light or receiving any credit whatever in the matter. This characteristic naturally caused some to look upon him as being deceitful, but such a criticism was absolutely unjust. Ebert was frank even to a fault. For years he wrote articles on pharmaceutical topics even detailing laborious investigations and announcing important results and had them published over the name of some of his clerks or other young friends in pharmacy. He did this in order to "bring out and encourage the young men." This was his explanation and, no doubt, the main reason, but he also enjoyed being a power behind the scenes and he was anxious to avoid any show of an effort to secure notoriety.

Ebert was cultured, polite and cordial. He loved his friends

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and was anxious to extend them hospitality. During the last few weeks of his life he made every effort to arrange his affairs so that he could again extend the hospitality to his friends which he so freely gave in his home before the death of Mrs. Ebert, last March. Mr. Ebert was an example of the fact that no one can have everybody as his friend, but no one actually hated Ebert, even though some were occasionally grieved, hurt or embarrassed by his actions. The fact that he was fearless in exposing his thoughts and his actions caused people to hesitate in making him a confidant. However, he could hold sacred anything that was given him in absolute confidence and trust and it was when imparting such information to him that his sympathetic and generous nature would come to the surface. I found him more confidential and in a more receptive mood at the Indianapolis meeting than ever before. This condition was a portent of the end which came, November 20, 1906. He had a wonderfully vigorous nature and was endowed with a power of exceptional endurance which, coupled with his constant industry, caused him to leave by the wayside those who were less vigilant. He was a prolific letter writer and the epistles were usually dated "11:30 p. m." He wrote in a firm and legible hand with a flow of language not flowery, but descriptive and to the point. His letters, like his conversation, portrayed his character. Earnest in praise, bold in censure and explicit in statement, his letters were interesting from beginning to end. While always working with an object in view and usually hopeful for success, he was never chagrined when he failed nor would he swell with pride when he won his contest. Failure, when it came, was accompanied by the satisfaction that he had done his best and followed the dictates of duty. Success was looked upon as a natural consequence of the prevailing of what was right and he never courted compliments, in fact, was ill at ease when congratulations were extended. His favorite expression was, "That is all right, my boy. We will say nothing more about it." and thus he would turn away a friend who was anxious to show appreciation or extend congratulations.

Albert E. Ebert was strikingly picturesque in appearance. His long white beard, always carefully kept, attracted the attention of the casual eye. He was ever neatly dressed, of gentlemanly bearing and impressed even the passer-by with the fact that he was more than an ordinary man. Although inclined to be combative as well as courageous, he was exceedingly gentle and exceptionally attentive to those entitled to his care. This was particularly noticeable

during the several years of Mrs. Ebert's invalid life, and every one who met Ebert after her death in March, 1906, realized how much attached he was to his life partner and how desolate he felt after she left him. It was scarcely more than two hours before his death that he remarked, "In two hours' time, I will be with May." His sense of responsibility and duty was also well portrayed in his constant and earnest solicitude for the welfare of his foster-daughter.

Mr. Ebert carefully studied the evolution of commercial pharmacy and fully understood the significance of the changes constantly taking place even though he did not adapt himself to the new conditions. He recognized the departure of pharmacy as he had learned and practiced it for half a century and fully determined a few weeks prior to his death to leave the management of his business in trusty hands and take an extended tour of Europe, visiting the scenes of his early childhood as well as those of his student days. These plans were maturing when the final illness confined him to his bed and ended a long, useful, exceptionally influential and stirringly eventful life which is destined to fill one of the most important chapters in the history of the retail drug trade, not only of America, but of the world. He was a retail pharmacist, first, last and all the time, but managed to take a part in local, national and international pharmaceutical affairs which in importance compares favorably with that of any pharmacist devoting his entire time to professional, educational and legislative matters. There was but one Ebert and generations may not again see his equal.

The recognition of Mr. Ebert in national affairs is familiar to all leading pharmacists. Time will develop the fact that he was a personal factor in numerous local centers. As an example, he was an honorary member of the Mo. Ph. A., which he visited occasionally. In St. Louis, the leading pharmacists talk of him as "our Ebert," and his death is taken as being almost as much of a personal loss as was the passing of any local pharmacist. As time passes, the pharmacists of this entire country will more and more realize the greatness, goodness and wisdom of the departed Ebert. Already we hear on every hand the expression, "We shall miss Ebert more than we knew."

HIS SINCERITY OF CHARACTER

By C. LEWIS DIEHL, Louisville, Ky.

President, American Pharmaceutical Association, 1874-5.

My acquaintance with Albert E. Ebert dates back to the year 1863, while I was engaged in the United States Army Laboratory at Philadelphia. Mr. Ebert had returned from his home, in Chicago, to complete his course of study in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy—which he began in 1862, during my absence in the army.

The cordial grasp of the hand, the enthusiasm with which he claimed acquaintance when I identified myself as the son of "Squire" Diehl, of Chicago, whom he knew personally, gave evidence of Mr. Ebert's sincerity in singling me out; it led me to regard him with more than passing interest, to cultivate his acquaintance—in which I was met more than half way by Mr. Ebert himself—and culminated during the remaining few months before his graduation with the class of '64, in a sincere friendship, alike to brotherly love, which has never wavered during all the years that have since passed.

To those who have come in touch with Mr. Ebert, it is not necessary to explain that his principal charm consisted of the absolute sincerity of his character and his helpful disposition. Coupled with these was an enthusiastic love for his chosen profession of pharmacy and the absolute fearlessness with which he gave utterance to, and defended, his convictions. These attributes could not fail to impress themselves on all persons with whom he came in contact, so that, however they might disagree with him on controversial points, he was sure to elicit their respect and in most cases gain their personal regard, if not affection—for, if Albert E. Ebert had a single enemy, I cannot point him out.

As a mere youth he comes to Philadelphia, and in a few brief months becomes the chosen friend of a Procter, a Parrish, a Maisch; he goes abroad for a post-graduate experience, and becomes the intimate of his teachers, among them some of the renowned lights in the profession of pharmacy and chemistry—a Liebig, a Wittstein, a Mohr; a visit to England, and attendance at an annual meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, and he is the friend of the foremost representatives of pharmacy in Great Britain. And when in 1871, Chicago was laid in ashes, and with it the Chicago College of Pharmacy—which under the tireless efforts of Ebert had been called to life again after lying dormant for many years—it was the name of Ebert that secured the generous contributions from abroad



BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE, DUNDEE, SCOTLAND, 1867.

Mr. Ebert wearing a Scotch Cap stands in the center of the Group.

which enabled the college of pharmacy to resume its activity almost without interruption.

To know Ebert was to love him for his personality and his kindly disposition, and to admire him for his championship of the cause of true pharmacy. What his influence had been in the latter direction is revealed in the numerous volumes of proceedings of the American Pharmaceutical Association, beginning with the year 1864, when he became a member of that Association, and it may be safely said that few important measures were passed in all these years which do not bear the impress of his council, either in protest or advice. But even of greater value must be regarded the influence which he has exerted on individuals in the profession; for to him they turned for advice when confronted with perplexing problems, feeling assured, not alone of sound advice, but of sympathetic response to their necessities. As a matter of fact, few of his many friends omitted to call on Albert Ebert if chance brought them within the gates of the Metropolis of the Lakes, the time permitted between trains to reach the modest store at the corner of State and Polk streets, which thus constituted a veritable Mecca for pharmaceutical pilgrims from all parts of the world; few of them departed without having profited from the interview. and none without the pleasure of a kindly reception.

THE "PLUMED KNIGHT OF PHARMACY"

By JOSEPH P. REMINGTON, PH. M.

President, American Pharmaceutical Association, 1892-3.

The subject of this sketch, who bore the above alliterative name, might well have substituted for these initials, Action, Education, Energy, for these briefly characterized his life.

The acquaintance began in 1863, for upon entering the lecture room of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, in the front row there was to be seen a short, rosy-cheeked young man, with an interesting face, bright, intelligent eyes and a budding mustache and beard. His personality was one to command attention. If Professor Procter asked a difficult question in the class, and one after another shook his head, the monotony ceased at once when it became Ebert's turn to deal with the question; if the answer were not immediately forthcoming, Ebert would ask the professor a question on a side issue, and obtaining a clue, he would quickly give an answer which finished

that subject. The graduating class of 1864 were perfectly satisfied when the results of the final examination were announced and Ebert stood at the head; even in those early days of this career the same characteristics which served him faithfully all through his life were dominant.

The spirit of Chicago and the spirit of Ebert were identical—they both meant rapid progress. If some movement was started in the class, he was always the man to push it to a successful conclusion. The writer was seven years younger than Ebert, and graduated two years later, but Ebert's personality made itself felt, not only in his own class, for there was not a boy in college who did not know him, and who was not, at some time or other, the recipient of a kind word or a helpful suggestion.

His most intimate friend, Edward C. Jones, was as opposite in temperament from Ebert, as the two poles. Jones had a prodigious memory, was strikingly homely, and a plodding student; in kindness of heart it would be difficult to choose between them. Their devotion to each other continued until Jones' death, and when at the Jubilee Meeting in 1902, the writer enjoyed an hour's talk with Ebert over college days, the name of Jones brought tears to the eyes of his friend, and his voice was choked with emotion.

Albert E. Ebert was as brave as a lion and as tender hearted as a loving woman. If a student was attacked unjustly by a bully, Ebert rushed to the rescue; if a puzzled one needed a helping hand, it was Ebert who, with painstaking care, cheerfully helped him out.

An insatiable desire for knowledge possessed this indefatigable explorer for truth, and the work at the college was not enough for him, so we find him taking a course in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and assisting Professor Parrish in teaching medical students in his private laboratory.

Returning to Chicago, he was soon actively at work, and wherever he was situated, either as the head of a factory for making glucose, teaching pharmacy in the Chicago College, editor of the *Chicago Pharmacist*, president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, member of the Committee of Revision of the United States Pharmacopœia of 1870, member of the State Board of Pharmacy or member of the Board of Trustees of the United States Pharmacopœial Convention, there we find the same Ebert of college days, matured by experience, it is true, but still a fighter, the sturdy defender of the oppressed. He could be justly termed the "plumed knight" of American pharmacy.

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ALUMNI REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

It is not too much to say that he was easily one of the most prominent members of our Association and that his demise leaves a wide gap in our ranks. We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ebert again at the Indianapolis meeting of the A. Ph. A. and of having a hearty handshake and social chat with him. He took considerable part in the different sessions and manifested much of his old fire and energy; we did not think at the time that his eye would be so soon dimmed and voice silenced. The editor will not soon forget the intensely interesting speech delivered by Mr. Ebert at the reunion of the P. C. P. members of the American Pharmaceutical Association at Atlantic City in 1905. There was a touch of pathos in it as he referred to some of his past experiences and to the members of his Class of 1864, especially to his departed friend, Edward C. Jones, both of whom (in connection with a few other choice spirits) worked so hard amid many discouragements to found our Alumni Association, now known throughout the pharmaceutical circles of our land as the most efficient organization of its kind. All honor to our departed brother Albert E. Ebert, for his works do follow him..

THE WESTERN DRUGGIST

Ebert was distinctly a Chicago—a Western product.

In his youth the territory of the Mississippi Valley was just becoming settled, and his boyhood days were spent on a garden-farm, where now stands the Auditorium in Chicago. Early on the scene, he experienced the trials and gained the varied experience of the pioneer. He saw the retail drug business as carried on in New England, transplanted to the West, and this largely superceded by the "Deutsche Apotheke," only to be overshadowed more recently by the modern, up-to-date pharmacy.

A close observer of the changes, with which he was not always in accord, he was too keen to spurn against the inevitable. Ebert was lonely without a fight on his hands and usually succeeded in having his way. He was a great force in matters pharmaceutical, and always had to be reckoned with.

To the *Western Druggist* he was peculiarly attached, partly because of the merging with it of *The Pharmacist* of which Ebert was practically the founder, through his association with the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and here appears most of his contributions to pharmaceutical literature.

Ebert was not only the most prominent pharmacist in the West, but the best known in America.

The *Western Druggist* joins the Pharmaceutical World in honoring his memory.

AMERICAN DRUGGIST AND PHARMACEUTICAL RECORD

After a long and honorable career, Albert Ethelbert Ebert of Chicago, is dead at the age of 66. We believe we can assert without fear of contradiction, that his death removes the most distinguished American pharmacist of the day. There are others more widely known in scientific circles, but they have deserted the counter for the rostrum; there are others who have amassed large fortunes, but they have sacrificed pharmacy to commerce. Mr. Ebert represented in a most creditable manner all that was best in the association of scientific information with practical application, which is peculiar to American pharmacy. He possessed a wide range of knowledge in matters pertaining to his life work, and this knowledge was always at the service of any seeker after truth. He was earnest in his convictions and honest to the point of bluntness in their expression. His devotion to the best interests of American Pharmacy was most unselfish in its character, while his zeal for the advancement of the lofty aims of the American Pharmaceutical Association and of the cause of pharmacy in general continued unabated to the end. His activities were not limited to the affairs of any one organization and not infrequently led him to neglect his private interests. The growth of commercialism in pharmacy on the one hand and the tendency towards extremes in the matter of educational requirements on the other, alike met with his open and active opposition. He had been an active and potent figure in American pharmacy for nearly forty years, having joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1864 on his graduation from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Though a Doctor of Philosophy, having studied in Munich under Wittstein and Liebig in 1867, the title which he generally used was that of Master of Pharmacy, which was conferred upon him by the Philadelphia College in 1894 and his preference for that degree may be taken as some indication of the high esteem in which he held a purely pharmaceutical degree. From the date of his election to membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association, up to the day of his death, he was incessantly active in its councils, and his contributions to the discussions of the Association have

been most powerful factors in shaping the work of the organization. In fact, his influence in shaping the course of the Association was probably of greater importance than the original papers contributed by him to the proceedings, the most important of which probably was that on Professor Wm. Procter, Jr., with whom he had been on terms of close personal friendship, and for whose attainments he had the highest regard.

Though actively engaged in the retail drug business since boyhood, he did excellent work as editor of "*The Pharmacist*," published in Chicago some thirty years ago, and at the time of his death he was an editorial contributor to *Meyer Brothers Druggist*. His election to the Board of Trustees of the United States Pharmacopœial Convention was a well deserved honor, and his services to pharmacy as a member of this board were noteworthy.

Adversity and failing health had of late years somewhat cooled Mr. Ebert's ardor, and the members of the American Pharmaceutical Association who attended the Indianapolis meeting cannot but recall the pathetic and almost prophetic manner in which he took the floor to oppose the proposed action of the Association in opposition to the parcels post saying, "Gentlemen, this thing must come. It is one of the newer forces which are coming in to crush out the old pharmacy and the old pharmacist. Some years ago I was greatly incensed to hear on this floor of the new economic order in pharmacy under which the old time pharmacist was to be wiped out. Now I am ready to acknowledge the truth of the forecast contained in that paper. I feel this new order is making itself felt and we old pharmacists of a former period must succumb to the inevitable."

American pharmacy is the poorer by the loss of Mr. Ebert, and old time pharmacy in particular has sustained a heavy blow.

MEYER BROTHERS DRUGGIST

The passing of this retail druggist with a record of over one-half a century of activity in pharmacy has caused an unparalleled gloom in pharmaceutical circles. The expressions of sorrow and regret are not only genuine, but also world-wide. The letters containing expressions of esteem published in the pharmaceutical press are spontaneous, numerous and from the most prominent men in pharmacy. Resolutions are being adopted by numerous organizations. These are addressed not to sorrowing relatives, for Mr. Ebert died without family, his good wife having preceded him only a few months.

The resolutions are based on broader ties than those of consanguinity. They express a personal loss shared in by the pharmacists of every section of the country, and we will not be surprised to see similar action taken abroad. The decision to erect a monument to Mr. Ebert's memory meets with such expressions as that of the *Pharmaceutical Era*, which says, "No monument is too good for Albert E. Ebert."

Albert E. Ebert was a man who appealed to the love, admiration, esteem and confidence of those who knew him by correspondence as well as those privileged to feel the warm and firm grasp of his hand of friendship. His nature was such that even strong men were led to depend on him for counsel, advice, co-operation and frequently for leadership. Thus comes the expression so frequently heard since his death, "What will we do without Ebert?"

BULLETIN OF PHARMACY

The death of Albert E. Ebert, of Chicago, removes one of the old landmarks of American pharmacy. For over fifty years Mr. Ebert had been active in the pharmaceutical affairs of the State and nation, and he had been on terms of personal acquaintance with nearly every prominent figure in the calling during that time. He was a close personal friend of William Procter, Jr., and was scarcely less intimate with Maisch, Squibb, Graham, Trimble, Rice, and other leaders. And it is well-nigh impossible to think of the American Pharmaceutical Association without conjuring up at the same time a mental picture of Mr. Ebert's patriarchal appearance.

HIS WORK IN THE A. PH. A.

Mr. Ebert joined the A. Ph. A. during the year of his graduation from the Philadelphia college, in '64, and with the exception of the years spent in Germany, he attended every meeting afterwards with perhaps two or three exceptions. In '72 his energetic and unselfish efforts in the interests of the Association were rewarded by his election to the presidency; and at the meeting over which he presided a year later in Richmond he established the "Ebert Fund" for the annual award of a prize for the best paper contributed along certain original lines of investigation. Besides occupying the highest office within the gift of the Association, he filled from time to time nearly every other one in the list, great and small, and served on special and general committees galore. Time and again he represented the Association at Washington in fighting some national



Wm. P. Brownell
London & Safford
London

John W. Field
London, Eng. 1872

Henry B. Smith
Newcastle

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measure inimical to pharmacy, or in supporting some bill favorable to its interests—and a better fighter or supporter the Association could not have had.

Indeed, so long did Mr. Ebert represent in various ways the interests of the A. Ph. A., so thoroughly did he identify himself with those interests, and so patriarchal did he look with his flowing gray beard, that one might almost have considered him the Father of the Association. In unconscious keeping with this part was his attitude at a meeting. He attended every section, whether commercial or educational, scientific or dispensing; and one might always see him seated up near the front of the convention room, watching closely everything that was being done, and for the most part saying nothing unless he thought the Association was leaving the path of wisdom. Its welfare and fair name were dear to him, and he would fight strenuously against any move which seemed to him unwise. When he saw a wrong he hit straight out for it, regardless of whose head was in the way, and entirely indifferent to personal consequences; and sometimes his feeling was so great that his voice would tremble with emotion, his gray beard shake like an aspen leaf, his eyes blaze with a strange light, and words of passionate eloquence would pour forth from his lips in a vehement stream.

THE HISTORIAN OF CHICAGO PHARMACY.

Mr. Ebert's work during the last seven or eight years of his life in writing a history of pharmacy in Chicago was one of the most interesting features of his long career. The Chicago Historical Society, desiring to secure a history of each of the trades and professions, arranged with Mr. Ebert to serve as pharmaceutical historian, and the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association was formed for the primary purpose of aiding the project. So far as the Historical Society alone was concerned, Mr. Ebert's history, when completed, was to be submitted in manuscript form and preserved in the vaults of the society; but Mr. Jamieson, a wealthy member of the Veterans' Association, was deeply interested in the work and declared that if the necessary funds could be secured in no other way he would have the manuscript published in book form at his own expense.

Mr. Ebert was deeply fascinated with this historical work. It meant an amount of labor and patience which can scarcely be realized, nor was there any financial return whatever for the great efforts which it imposed. The task was rendered vastly more difficult by

reason of the fact that the two Chicago fires swept away nearly everything in the way of historical data or material. If it had not been for the happy circumstance that Mr. Ebert's own experience compassed so many decades, the work would have been well-nigh impossible. But undaunted by the scanty material available, and by the many difficulties which faced him, he painstakingly and lovingly unearthed every thread, and gradually made a connected whole which was full of interest and charm.

He looked over all the old newspapers that could be found. He went through all the old directories and printed matter of all kinds. He laid hold of every letter and every envelope of material which might bear upon the period. He interviewed everybody whose memory would be of any possible assistance to him. And when he secured clues by these means, he followed them up indefatigably. Letters by the hundred went out to men in other cities and states who had ancestors among the early Chicago druggists, and when these letters remained unanswered others were sent after them. For years Mr. Ebert gave two or three hours to this task every day in the week, and the work was all done at his desk in the store, where he was of course subject to the constant interruptions of business.

But his heart was in it and he persevered. He did his duty as he saw it, and this was the keynote of his action in every exigency of life.

THE PACIFIC PHARMACIST

All the drug journals of the country vied with each other in doing honor to the memory of Albert E. Ebert. While we feel that the half has not been told that might have been said in his praise, we will content ourselves at this remote day in recounting a few of the facts in the life of our late friend, Professor John Calvert, because we think his memory deserves more than a passing mention. * * *

So, as we stated at the beginning, Calvert and Ebert were conspicuous in the ranks in two important centers of pharmaceutical movement, Chicago and San Francisco, and for what they did and their unselfish devotion to the cause of their fellow druggists, we do well to do them both honor.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRUGGIST

His vigorous manhood, fearless devotion to principle, liberal education, thorough scientific training and unwavering ambition

to advance the interests of true pharmacy, early gave him a merited leadership in his profession.

He will be remembered with Procter, Maisch and Squibb. But unlike them he was unwilling to devote all his time and energy to the advancement of science and the increase of pharmacal knowledge. If he had so chosen it is safe to say that his place in our literature would be one scarcely reached by any other pharmacist of the age.

He was not the editor who receives only such light as enters his 8x10 sanctum and imagines himself possessed of oracular wisdom, nor was he the teacher who could confine his observations and labors to the handful who occupied the benches before him.

The world of thought and endeavor was his field. Editors were but office boys carrying him copy. The highly esteemed teachers of our colleges were all his willing pupils.

The great heart of Ebert went out to the struggling, suffering, overworked and underpaid individual of the shop.

He made his life's work, giving lavishly of his time, money and energy to uplift his fellow pharmacist and make him more dignified, self-sustaining and independent. Early in life he became painfully familiar with a type now nearly extinct of the pharmacist who served the public for twenty-four hours of each day, with no diversion except such time as he could take from shop duties and give to study and experiment, and when the hour came to put up the shutters and lower the lights would lie down near the scene of incessant duty and, like the soldier resting on his arms, await the summoning of the night bell.

Ebert's most agreeable duties were in connection with the American Pharmaceutical Association. He was its guiding spirit and guardian angel and an ever-present feature of the annual meetings.

These meetings furnish a matchless arena for the giants and the grandest privilege of the American pharmacist is to be able to attend them.

No other gathering on the globe can bring together so many great minds of the profession.

No one person could sway such a body, and the great Ebert did not always have his own way, but those who crossed swords with him well knew, to use a street phrase, that they had been in a fight.

He labored unselfishly and vigorously for the loftiest professional and commercial ideals and was in the main successful in stamping them upon the organization he so much loved.

The Chicago College of Pharmacy, which during the civil war and for several years subsequent, was allowed to lapse into a quiescent state, was reorganized through his efforts only to meet disaster two years afterward in the great fire of 1871.

Mr. Ebert was occupying the chair of pharmacy at the time of the fire and the writer enjoys the distinction of having been present at his lecture a few nights before the fire.

The friendship of the pharmacists of Great Britain percolating through the fibre and soul of Ebert took on substantial form and a shipment of generous proportions enabled the college to resume the following winter with a better equipment than ever.

Although he was at one time possessed of a liberal share of the world's goods, for many years past Mr. Ebert, like the vast majority of his confreres, has been dependent upon the "bountiful" resources of a retail drug store, which he has conducted almost continuously for thirty-eight years in the city of Chicago. As an analytical chemist he commanded a liberal honorarium. Naturally he was in money-getting distanced by the avaricious and handicaped by a possession of those principles of intense altruism which are incompatible with financial achievement..—CHARLES MANGAN FORD, C. C. P., 1874.

THE DRUGGISTS CIRCULAR

His connection with the Chicago College of Pharmacy dates from his return to Chicago in 1868, and for a number of years he was professor of pharmacy there. In 1868 the college began the publication of *The Pharmacist* with Mr. Ebert as editor, a position which he occupied until the publication passed from the hands of the college.

To the pharmacist at large Mr. Ebert is perhaps best known in connection with the Standard Formulary, a collection of several thousand pharmaceutical formulas compiled by him and A. E. Hiss and published in 1896.

In his private life Mr. Ebert was characterized by all the home-loving traits of the German. Mrs. Ebert, who died not long since, took more than a helpmeet's ordinary interest in the calling of her husband and was well known to the attendants at the meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Ebert at one time took an active part in politics and was an anti-ring candidate for alderman..

All the characteristics of Mr. Ebert which had endeared him to his immediate friends, were recalled with sorrow by his fellow members of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association at a special meeting held the day following his death.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL ERA

Mr. Ebert was a pioneer in the retail drug trade of Chicago and was ever foremost in advancing the commercial and professional interests of pharmacists. As a founder of the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and as a member of the Illinois Board of Pharmacy, he contributed services of value to the educational and civic elements of his chosen sphere of life. As a devoted and indefatigable member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, he was known to thousands, and his administration of the presidency of that important organization was marked by the conscientious and efficient performance of his duties.

Always helpful, ever big-hearted, full of the courage born of right, and untiring in his efforts to promote the material and social uplifting of pharmacy, Mr. Ebert was a man whose death is sincerely mourned by hosts of friends at home in addition to the thousands of acquaintances made elsewhere in his long and useful life. The proposition to erect a monument to his memory is one that should meet with prompt and generous support, but, even so, no shaft that is likely to be placed above his grave can do full honor to the memory of this noble, lovable man. The best is none too good for Albert E. Ebert.

MERCK'S REPORT

No one has wielded a greater influence in the Association's councils, nor done more to promote its interests. His contributions enrich a number of its proceedings. On retiring from the presidency, at the meeting in Richmond, in 1873, he founded the Ebert prize.

In the Pharmacopœial Convention of 1900 Mr. Ebert was one of the officials, and was elected a member of the board of trustees.

He was prominent in the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, and was one of the founders of the Chicago College of Pharmacy. On the State Board of Pharmacy he served with his usual devotion for several years. The Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association claimed him as one of its most honored members. Not the least of his distinguished services to pharmacy have been his contributions on the pharmacists and pharmacy of his early years in the profession.

The pharmacists of America, and the pharmaceutical institutions, will be as one in honoring the memory of Albert E. Ebert, and already the Chicago Veterans have started a subscription to place a monument over his grave.

NATIONAL DRUGGIST

A man of striking personality, of great geniality of temperament he rarely failed to attract strangers and to attach them to him. In this way he formed devoted personal friendships in every city and town not merely of the United States, but Canada as well, and many will be the heartache that the notice of his death will cause.

THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST

London, England

Mr. Ebert was one of the best-known retail pharmacists in the United States, and an honorary member of the British Pharmaceutical Conference. He was also known to some in this country, having attended the meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference held at Dundee in 1867. Mr. Ebert was a prolific writer, and, without giving up his retail business, had acted as editor of two pharmaceutical journals. Mr. Ebert was intimate with all the great leaders of American pharmacy during his lifetime, and was particularly on close personal terms with Procter, Parrish, Maisch, Rice and Squibb. He was given a public funeral from the Chicago College of Pharmacy. A movement to erect a public monument over the grave of Mr. Ebert has been initiated.

THE NEW IDEA

In the death of that veteran druggist, Mr. Albert E. Ebert, pharmacy suffers a distinct loss. Mr. Ebert had certain peculiarities but he was a man of kind and generous disposition. At the American Pharmaceutical Association meetings he was always one of the most picturesque and interesting figures, jealous of the welfare of the Association and quick to protest against anything that he believed inimical to its highest interests. To the younger men of that body he was particularly attentive and none will miss him more than they—not even his comrades of many years' standing. Like most impulsive men he possibly made errors of judgment now and then, but no one can say that he was not conscientious to the very core. His work in the Association will always stand as a splendid monument of his service to higher pharmacy. Of his service so much has already been said by those more competent to discuss it that we shall not speak of it now. So *The New Idea* merely records with sorrow the passing of this extraordinary man and pays to his memory the tribute of its profound respect.

Expressions

By His Friends

Former Presidents of the
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JOHN F. PATTON

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LEWIS C. HOPP

JAMES H. BEAL

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By His Colleagues and Associates

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WILLIAM MITTELBACH.

FREEMAN H. BUTLER.

WILLIAM C. ALPERS.

SAMUEL A. D. SHEPPARD.

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EDWARD KREMERS.



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GERMAN FRIENDS

Expressions

"Why weep ye then for him, who, having won
The bound of man's appointed years, at last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors done,
Serenely to his final rest has passed;
While the soft memory of his virtues yet
Lingers, like twilight hues, when the bright sun is set?

From the time he became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, it has been my pleasure to know him socially, and to meet him at a great number of meetings. His whole heart and soul seemed to be devoted to pharmacy, and scientific and collateral branches with qualification which enabled him always to grasp a subject without difficulty, and his deep interest in everything pertaining to what he was engaged in caused him to enter into it with all his power. We have lost an able member of the profession. It is enough almost to say that he was one whose strong and noble character impressed those who came in contact with him, and his cordial grasp of the hand was characteristic of his manly nature.—W. J. M. Gordon, Cincinnati, Ohio (President A. Ph. A., 1864-5).

I have long known and admired his great activity in matters relating to pharmacy, and particularly in the interest of the A. Ph. A. I have always held him to be a man of exceptionally keen activities which were exercised for the greatest good of pharmacy at large. His death is a loss not only to the A. Ph. A. but to the cause of pharmacy throughout the world. The active work of such a man as Albert E. Ebert will exert a beneficial influence for generations to come. I am deeply grieved to learn of his sudden departure from this life.—Frederick Stearns, Detroit, Mich. (President, A. Ph. A., 1866-7).

The most active limb has been rudely torn from the body of the American Pharmaceutical Association and we mourn sincerely the serious, perhaps irreparable loss of our esteemed and highly cherished fellow-member, Albert E. Ebert.

Sorry indeed that I have not yet recovered from a recent severe illness and therefore can not do justice to the memory of my dear and amiable friend, but am compelled to leave it to some other more fitted member of our association to erect to him a memorial worthy of his great value and which will be a universal recognition of his immense services to our Association.—Enno Sander, St. Louis, Mo. (President, A. Ph. A. 1871-2).

"His youth was innocent; his riper age
Marked with some act of goodness every day;
And watched by eyes that loved him, calm and sage,
Faded his late declining years away.
Meekly he gave his being up, and went
To share the holy rest that waits a life well spent.

It is sad to lose the companionship of one who has been so useful in the world. To one of my age it is doubly so.

He was a distinctive character, long to be remembered and respected by his fellow members of the A. Ph. A. He was truthful and reliable in whatever position he was placed. Perhaps at times his frankness produced wounds that time alone could heal, but no one could charge him with holding malice. His stab was always in the breast—never in the back. To me, from the time of our first acquaintance, he was uniformly kind and considerate, and I shall ever cherish his memory with affection. In conversation I do not remember ever hearing him traduce the character of any man, but from point of principle he would hotly contest views and arguments of his best friends. Would that we had more of such men in the world. Beyond question he was an accomplished pharmacist. What he had to do was accepted as an honest duty, whether in his shop or in a pharmaceutical meeting.

Since the days of Procter, I doubt if there has been a member more regular in attendance at the annual meeting of the A. Ph. A. I am confident that no member has shown more disinterested interest in the proceedings. At the Baltimore meeting in 1870, I was impressed with his earnestness and frankness, which to qualify I will quote his remarks on page 63 of the proceedings of that year:

Mr. Ebert: "There is a committee on unofficial formulas consisting of Messrs. Markoe, Moore and myself.

"That committee has failed to make any report for two years.

"I do not wish to be on a committee that is not going to do any work.

"If the chairman of that committee cannot do the work that is assigned to him, he had better resign, and let some one else do it.

"We come here every year without a report, and it is the fault of the chairman of the committee.

"We are good friends, but still I find fault with him for not having a report."

The quotation of the above remarks uttered thirty-six years ago may be accepted as a pen picture of the late A. E. Ebert, which has remained without alteration or the slightest modification to the close of his life. It seems a coincidence that I should have immediately succeeded him as president, chairman of the historical section and acted upon his inspiration to establish a lasting memorial to Prof. Procter.—J. F. Hancock, Baltimore, Md. (President A. Ph. A., 1873-4).

For about forty years I have had the privilege of enjoying his friendship and have always found him a most agreeable companion, a true friend and a manly man in whose integrity, full reliance could be placed.

In his death pharmacy loses a sterling advocate, one who was always outspoken in favor of everything which tended to elevate and enoble the profession. He was courageous in his opinions and fearless in advocating what he believed to be right and in condemning anything which he deemed would be damaging to the best interests of pharmacy and pharmacists. Thus another of the noble band of active workers has passed to his reward, and left behind him a blessed memory.—Wm. Saunders, Ottawa, Canada, (President, A. Ph. A., 1877-8).

WAKE! For the Sun, who scatter'd into flight
The Stars before him from the Field of Night,
Drives Night along with them from Heav'n, and strikes
The Sultan's Turret with a Shaft of Light.

I look upon Ebert as one who impetuously and vehemently did his work, and did it well. On the spur of the moment he would move, in the prime of his life, as moves an avalanche, throwing himself with all his intellectual weight upon the opponent, uniting his efforts without a thought as to the personal result, with those whose cause he championed. Nor did Ebert often have reason to regret the inspiration that moved him to action, for, as a rule, I can say that as I look back over the quarter of a century and more that I studied Mr. Ebert's methods and actions, he was usually right and always honest. That he championed the weaker side (and often he did champion the weaker side), does not indicate that he was wrong, and that the majority was right, but he it said that, when he was upon the side of the majority, victory meant to him nothing personal. Defeat likewise brought no humiliation.

It will be perceived that I have thrown into the beginning of my thought of Ebert, as Ebert was, a touch that leads to the impression that Ebert was combative. And so he was. Conspicuously combative, I should say; but combative in favor of that which tended to make pharmacy better, and tended especially to be helpful to the apothecary in his struggles against the inevitable; the brushing out of the past, and the coming in of the new.

Ebert was an apothecary-pharmacist of the olden time. He believed in the methods that came to him, as his biographer will tell, in the days when to become an apothecary meant, first, to be an apprentice, and serve an apprenticeship under the guiding care of one qualified to teach the apothecary's art. Never did he forget to champion the methods in which he believed a foundation in pharmacy should be laid. To the very last his voice was heard, pleadingly heard, in favor of the apothecary of old, over whom the modern Juggernaut called "Pharmacy" was rolling. To Ebert, the man engaged in thoughtful pharmacy was a brother, and to one and all in real pharmacy, especially those who served as apothecaries, Ebert was a brother. He devoted his life to the interests of their cause, he served well their interests, and he credited with great honor their cause.

When I met Ebert in Indianapolis last summer, I saw that the end of his work in pharmacy was near at hand. He was with me much, he drew me apart from others, and then, when we were alone, talked much of things that must not be put into print. It was a new and pathetic phase in broken-hearted Ebert's life, and although he did not know it, I comprehended that such a change as this, meant, to us—the loss of Ebert.

But I must withdraw that last sentence, for Ebert is not lost to us. Personally, he is among us no longer, but, stretching back through decades that make half a century, we find Ebert and Ebert's work, so recorded that Ebert, in American pharmacy, will never die.—J. U. Lloyd, Cincinnati, Ohio (President A. Ph. A., 1887-8).

Some for the Glories of This World; and some
Sigh for the Prophet's Paradise to come;
Ah, take the Cash, and let the Credit go,
Nor heed the rumble of a distant Drum!

The characteristics that most impressed me were his sincerity and earnestness in all he undertook. His convictions were deep-seated and he never feared to express them whether or not they pleased the majority. The volumes of the

"Annual Proceedings" have on record his contributions to practical pharmacy extending over a long period, and we may count him among the few who have been nationally prominent in their calling.—E. L. Patch, Boston, Mass. (President A. Ph. A., 1893-4).

The Worldly Hope men set their Hearts upon
Turns Ashes—or it prospers; and anon,
Like Snow upon the Desert's dusty Face,
Lighting a little hour or two—is gone.

An associate of Procter, Parrish, Maisch, Bedford and others of the old school, he did not always approve of the latter-day methods of conducting the drug business; yet it can hardly be said of him that he was unreasonably conservative. Although well known in Chicago, in which city he was for many years engaged in the retail business, yet his acquaintances and friends are widely distributed over the United States because of his long-time membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association and his activity in that organization. It is needless to say that he will be very much missed by the other active members. The proceedings will not seem normal with his voice silent. He was a man of positive opinions and he expressed them unreservedly. His age and experience always assured him a hearing. In his judgment he was not often wrong, and he was less frequently convinced of the fact.

The inevitable result is, that the lapse of time causes the impressions of the most conspicuous to become dimmed and, with the passing of his contemporaries, to entirely fade away, but if Mr. Ebert's successors are true to the Association and continue its good work, the fund which bears his name will give him conspicuous mention at every annual meeting, long after his personality has spent its force. The history of the "Ebert Fund," it is to be hoped, will be repeated for the benefit of those not familiar with the circumstances under which it was established.

Because his strong and innate business sense was so generally recognized, when it came to making up the board of trustees of the United States Pharmacopœial Convention, Mr. Ebert's name was very promptly mentioned; and his services in that capacity, as well as in numerous others to which he has been called, have been valuable.

There was only one Ebert, we would that more were possible.—J. M. Good, St. Louis, Mo. (President A. Ph. A., 1895-6).

Albert E. Ebert was a strong character, earnest in conviction and vigorous in expression, and the A. Ph. A. had no more loyal and devoted member. From the time he joined the association in 1864 he was faithful in his attendance at the annual meetings and active in its councils. Each volume of its published proceedings bear witness to his active industry in its interest.

At the Indianapolis meeting I was greatly impressed with the graceful sentiment that prompted him to prepare a round robin letter to our worthy friend, Mr. J. W. M. Gordon, of Cincinnati, whose absence from the meeting was very much regretted.—John F. Patton, York, Pa. (President A. Ph. A., 1900-1).

Ah, my Beloved, fill the Cup that clears
To-day of past Regrets and future Fears:
To-morrow!—Why, To-morrow I may be
Myself with Yesterday's Sev'n thousand Years.

Albert E. Ebert is no more. How we all loved him! Although at times we might differ with him in regard to certain policies, we even then always most thoroughly admired his earnest, straightforward directness. Mr. Ebert was always most active in behalf of the advancement of the status of pharmacy and pharmacists, but always disliked being given the title of "Doctor," the title which is so generally given by the public of its own free will to those pharmacists who have made good in their profession. Mr. Ebert was a Nestor of American Pharmacy. He was one of the great leaders and wherever pharmacy was organizing or pushing forward for better recognition and success, he was always found battling at the very front. To enumerate his various activities in the different pharmaceutical organizations either past or present, would be to make a list of every organization that needed his help, for he always responded in every way in his power. Having served with him officially in so many different ways, both in the work of the revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and in the American Pharmaceutical Association, we learned to love and admire him from our very first acquaintance. His splendid work in the behalf of pharmacy in so many various directions will always be a sweet memory in the minds of all who knew him and the results of his work will always remain as bright spots in the history of American pharmacy. A flood of tender memories come over us as we recall our delightful personal contact with him on so many occasions during the years which have passed away. It will delight every historian of American pharmacy to record the splendid roll of his achievements and to note his generosity in behalf of his beloved profession. His individuality impressed itself wherever he might be placed and those interested in pharmaceutical advancement could readily fill a book with delightful reminiscences of his past life. A tender farewell to our dear comrade. Life was earnest, forceful and direct with him. The impression which he has made upon our lives and times will be a lasting one. "Life's fitful fever" is ended. He has gone into the Great Beyond and has entered into the reward of those who have fought the good fight.

Geo. F. Payne, Atlanta, Ga., (President A. Ph. A., 1902-3).

And we, that now make merry in the Room
They left, and Summer dresses in new bloom,
Ourselves must we beneath the Couch of Earth
Descend—ourselves to make a Couch—for whom?

To know him as I knew him, it was but to love him. A more noble and kind-hearted man never lived, and it will be some years before the American Pharmaceutical Association will realize its great loss.

He it was that carried on the good work after Procter's death; ever on the alert for fear something would be done at a meeting that would harm the good name of the Association.

I am also satisfied, that by his connection with the American Pharmaceutical Association, life was made sweet to him. Many is the time that I have had a quiet talk with him at a meeting, and his wife, not being with him he would ask me to write Mrs. Ebert and tell her all about the meeting.—Lewis C. Hopp, President, A. Ph. A., 1903-4. Cleveland, Ohio.

Ah, make the most of what we yet may spend,
Before we too into the Dust descend;
Dust into Dust, and under Dust to lie,
Sans Wine, sans Song, sans Singer, and—sans End!

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It would be difficult for one who knew Albert E. Ebert not to speak of him with kindness. Even when most inclined to differ with him, one realized his intense earnestness and seriousness of purpose. He was a man who never played a part: mistaken he might be, but never insincere. Whatever his opinion, it was expressed without equivocation. In temperament he was an idealist, and invariably advocated the policy which in his judgment tended towards the realization of his ideals, rather than that which was a compromise with the hard facts of practical every-day existence.

To me the most salient feature of his character was his serious mindedness. It was not his disposition to be jolly in the common sense of the word. A joke told simply as a joke had no attraction for him. He never told trivial stories, and never listened to them patiently. When the conversation of the group of which he happened to be a member took a frivolous turn he was visibly ill at ease, and took early opportunity to direct it toward more serious topics.

Altogether he was a man far out of the common: frequently more earnest than politic; sometimes more enthusiastic than judicious but always honest, and always sincere.

His regard for the A. Ph. A. was deep and unqualified. His personal affairs were never so important that he would not put them aside to talk of his beloved Association, and the possibility of increasing its dignity and usefulness. Every member of that Association must feel a deep sense of personal bereavement in his death.—J. H. Beal, Scio, Ohio, (President, A. Ph. A., 1904-5).

Up from Earth's Center through the Seventh Gate
I rose, and on the Throne of Saturn sate,
And many a Knot unravel'd by the Road;
But not the Master-knot of Human Fate.

My memory of our friend Ebert will always be pleasant; he was ever loyal to a friend, and considerate for those who did not agree with him. The American Pharmaceutical Association never will have a more devoted member nor one more interested in all that pertains to its welfare, present or future. Possessed as he was, of a strong personality, always ready to stand or fall by a clear conviction of duty, frank, fearless and candid in any cause or line of duty that appealed to him, the weight of trial or care, and the approaching infirmity to which at last nature succumbed, seemed not to weaken his desire or ambition to keep in touch with the advances our profession is making.

We will miss Albert Ebert at our meetings; his warm-souled greeting; his peculiar presence, typifying a personality that was so prominently present when he became interested in discussion. He rarely missed a meeting of the Association since his admission, forty-two years ago. He will be missed more especially because he contributed heartily by voice or pen to the welfare of the Association as he comprehended its needs.

Life's struggle is over, may he rest in peace.—Joseph L. Lemberger, Lebanon Pa. (President A. Ph. A., 1905-6).

Every Druggist Knew of Him.—I first became acquainted with Mr. Albert E. Ebert more than a quarter of a century ago, and I consider it a great privilege to have known him and to have had him as a friend.

I need not say anything about him as a pharmacist, because his record is a part of the history of American pharmacy, and he himself was prominent in shaping the history of pharmacy in our country. Every druggist knew of him.

I met him comparatively frequently, and whenever I was with him, I found him one of the most genial and companionable of men.

While he was very positive in his views in Association meetings, and maintained his views with vigor, he never, to my knowledge, allowed any acrimony of debate to influence him in his association with others outside of the meetings. I feel that we will miss his presence at our Association meetings even more than we may now realize.—O. A. Wall (Vice-President, U. S. P. C.), St. Louis, Mo.

There was the Door to which I found no Key;
 There was the Veil through which I might not see;
 Some little talk awhile of ME and THEE
 There was—and then no more of THEE and ME.

He Died Fighting for Honorable Pharmacy.—In the death of Albert E. Ebert, pharmacy has lost one of its staunchest and most enthusiastic exponents. He was one of the few that strenuously opposed the general drift of our profession—towards pure commercialism. He fully recognized that the commercial part of the business was fast getting the upper hand; and that to be financially successful, we must lay aside the professional cloak, and develop more and more the commercial spirit. This condition did not meet with his approval, and he was always found on the side of professional pharmacy, trying to save something of its old reputation and practices. We can truly say that he died fighting for clean and honorable practices in our business. Those of us that knew him intimately will long miss him at the annual meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He was ever ready to defend what he thought was right. You could put your finger on Albert E. Ebert at any time. There was nothing hidden about him. One by one the old guard disappears from the ranks of our dear Association. Although absent, they will not be forgotten.—Wm. Mittelbach, Boonville, Mo., (First Vice-President A. Ph. A.).

Ebert was a strong man in his own way. There was only one Ebert. He was in a class all by himself. A true and genuine lover of all that is best in pharmacy, courageous, fearless and outspoken at all times. Every one was always glad to hear Ebert speak, because they knew that, at heart, he was always sound, honest, and true, and wanted only the right to prevail, whether it was his thought, or that of his opponent.

He made a broad mark in American pharmacy and his name will remain as a symbol of earnest enthusiasm and honesty for generations to come.

How he will be missed, especially by those of us who have attended regularly the meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He loved our grand old Association, and his generous donation of the Ebert Fund at the close of his presidency was an inspiration that has been of permanent benefit to the organization.—S. A. D. Sheppard, (Treasurer, A. Ph. A.), Boston, Mass.

The character of Albert Ebert was fully revealed in his eyes and face, they seemed to emphasize whatever he said. He was frank, fearless, and never used

words to disguise his thoughts, unfair evasion was a strange method with him. He was intensely earnest in action, had confidence in himself and was true to his convictions. He was a man of remarkable endowments of mind and heart. In his devotion and enthusiasm for the American Pharmaceutical Association he was surpassed by no one. With him a pharmacist of the old school has left our ranks, whose ripe intellect and accumulated stores of varied knowledge we shall miss. Undoubtedly he had faults, but his virtues overshadowed them, so also he erred, but the purity of his motives challenged the admiration of his friends and commanded the respect of his opponents.

The reverence that we owe the dead chiefly consists in following the examples they have bequeathed unto us, and in bestowing the honor of filling their places, on men in whom as it were, they live again.—E. G. Eberle, (Dean Baylor School of Pharmacy), Dallas, Texas.

Then to the Lip of this poor earthen Urn
I lean'd, the Secret of my Life to learn:
And Lip to Lip it murmur'd—"While you live,
"Drink!—for, once dead, you never shall return."

It has been my pleasure and great privilege to know this good man and colleague since the Kansas City meeting of 1881. At this my first meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, he made a most vigorous protest against members of the Association being called by their doctor titles. The writer has heard his protests many times since against ideas, practices and methods which tended to injure or cast a stain on his profession.

It was good for the world, but more especially for the pharmaceutical world, that Ebert lived, and the good he has honestly done for the retail pharmacist must for time to come leave its benefits. We can but honor our cause and ourselves by holding his name in perpetual honor. I willingly subscribe to all the good things that I have read as the utterances of the very cream of the pharmaceutical profession from all over the land as well as from abroad, and I want to add that I always held him in the highest honor and esteem. May he rest in peace.—Francis Hemm, St. Louis, Mo.

Strange, is it not? that of the myriads who
Before us pass'd the door of Darkness through,
Not one returns to tell us of the Road,
Which to discover we must travel too,

The Most Distinguished American Pharmacist.—I believe I can assert without fear of contradiction that the death of Albert Ethelbert Ebert removes the most distinguished American pharmacist of the day. There may be others more widely known in scientific circles, but they have deserted the counted for the rostrum; there may be others who have amassed larger fortunes, but they have sacrificed pharmacy to commerce. Mr. Ebert represented in a most creditable manner all that was best in the Association of scientific information with practical application, which is peculiar to American pharmacy. He possessed a wide range of knowledge in matters pertaining to his life work, and this knowledge was always at the service of any seeker after truth. He was earnest in his convictions and honest to the point of bluntness in their expression. His devotion to the best interests of American pharmacy was most unselfish in its character, while his zeal for the advancement of the lofty aims of the American Pharmaceutical



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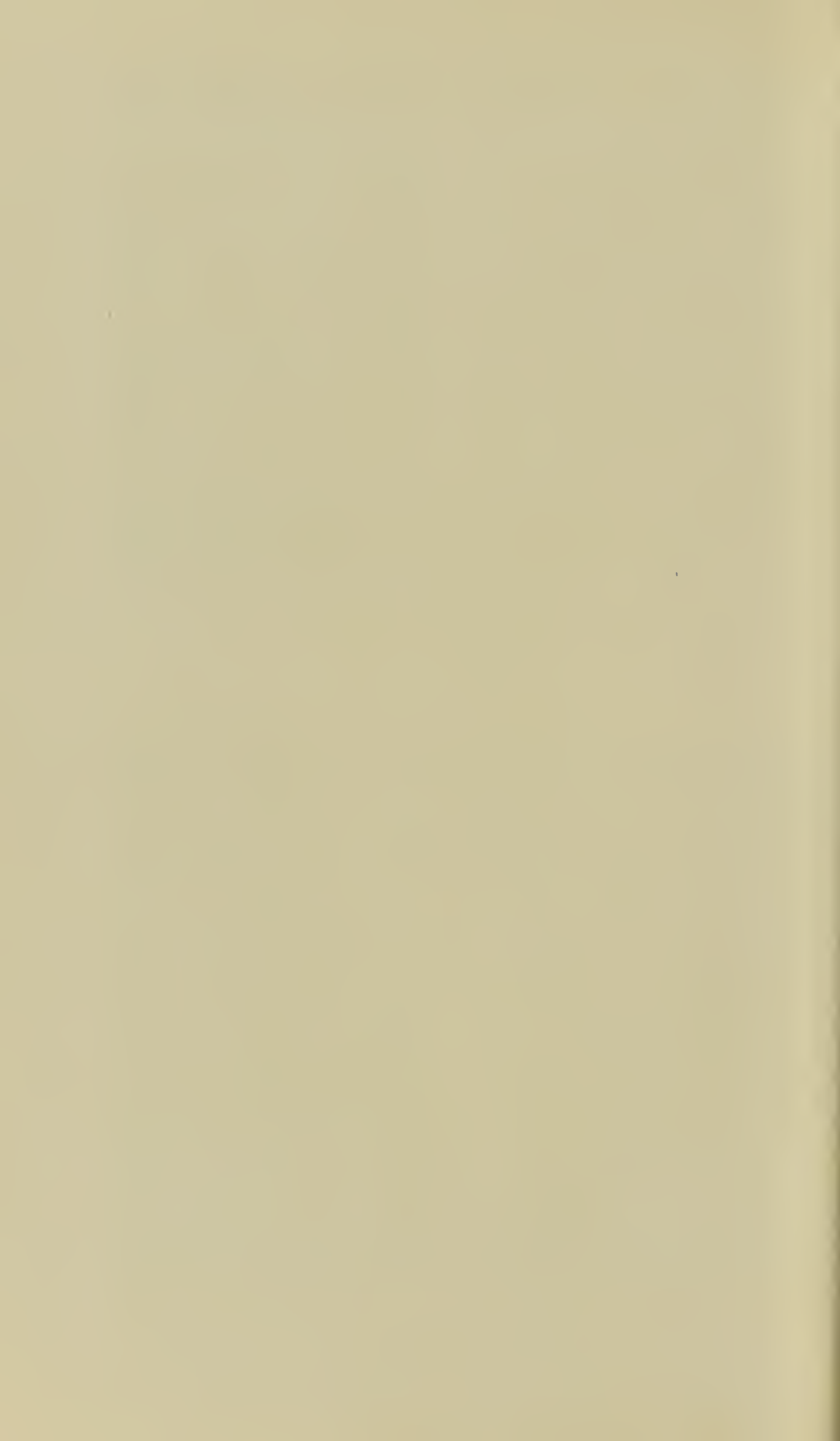


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Association, and of the cause of pharmacy in general, continued unabated to the end. His activities were not limited to the affairs of any one organization, and not infrequently led him to neglect his private interests. The growth of commercialism in pharmacy on the one hand, and the tendency towards extremes in the matter of educational requirements on the other, alike met with his open and active opposition. From the date of his election to membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association—over forty years ago—up to the day of his death, he was incessantly active in its councils, and his contributions to the discussions of the Association were powerful factors in shaping the work of the organization. In fact, his influence in shaping the course of the Association was probably of greater importance than the original papers contributed by him to the Proceedings, the most important of which, probably, was that on Prof. William Procter, Jr., with whom he had been on terms of close personal friendship and for whose attainments he had the highest regard. His death will be felt a keen personal loss by every man who has regularly attended the sessions of the Association, for whether or not one agreed with Mr. Ebert, his lofty purposes and high ideals could not be but admired.—Caswell A. Mayo, New York City.

We are no other than a moving row
Of Magic Shadow-shapes that come and go
Round with the Sun-illumined Lantern held
In Midnight by the Master of the Show;

The death of Mr. Ebert removes from the ranks of the American Pharmaceutical Association a conscientious active worker, one who had the interests of the Association and the interests of American pharmacy constantly in mind and who labored earnestly and honestly to further the progress of all that is good in pharmacy.

All who have ever had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ebert at the annual reunions of the American Pharmaceutical Association will miss his smiling countenance, will miss his hearty welcome, the firm grasp of his hand and the confidential pat on the back. His knowledge of men and affairs was wide and deep and his advice could be safely followed. He was a veritable mine of information, particularly in matters relating to the history of pharmacy, and there were few things that he appeared to enjoy more than to get one or the other of the younger men in the Association into a confidential chat and impress on him what he considered to be the evident duty of an active member of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

I myself have a sense of personal loss as Mr. Ebert appeared to be much interested in many of the things that appealed to me and not infrequently sent or gave me his commendation or advice, in addition to this I feel that his death, at this time, is a sad, a severe loss to the Association.—M. I. Wilbert, Philada.

But helpless Pieces of the Game He plays
Upon this Chequer-board of Nights and Days;
Hither and thither moves, and checks, and slays,
And one by one back in the Closet lays.

Mr. Ebert was always such an active and robust man that it seemed he was good for many more years of active work in matters pharmaceutical. I always considered him one of my best friends as he, more than any one else, made me feel at home when I became a member of the A. Ph. A. and attended the first

meetings. It seemed to me that he took an especial interest in the younger element in the association and took pains to impress upon them the necessity of their cooperation for the success of the association. Although I did not always agree with his ideas I always had the greatest admiration for the fearless manner in which he stood for his convictions no matter how many were opposed to him. I cannot think of a member of the association who will be missed more than he. Were it not for an important engagement on the day of his funeral I would certainly have attended it.—J. O. Schlottbeck, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Ball no question makes of Ayes and Noes,
But Here or There as strikes the Player goes;
And He that tossed you down into the Field
He knows about it all—HE knows—HE knows!

As I knew him I feel safe in making the statement that no more conscientious, thorough, hard-working and honorable pharmacist ever lived than Mr. Ebert.

His death has removed one of the shining lights of the pharmaceutical world, and may his untiring labors in behalf of pharmacy bear fruit, is my sincerest wish.—Thos. Knoebel, East St. Louis, Ill.

The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it.

The old men of the A. Ph. A. are rapidly disappearing and I hope the young ones will ably fill their places.—P. C. Candidus, Mobile, Alabama.

The one thing above all that has impressed me was his nobility of character, and that to such a degree that my feeling is that if all men were like him there would be no call for any code of ethics.

American pharmacy has suffered a great loss, far more than many of the younger members of the profession can realize, while the older ones will not only think of the loss to pharmacy, but of the personal loss to ourselves, and it saddens one to remember how few "Eberts" there are in this world.—J. Winchell Forbes, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Ebert was a pharmacist of great ability, as his long and faithful career in elevating the profession of pharmacy will testify. Those of us who enjoyed the pleasure of his personal acquaintance will keenly regret his departure from the field of his earthly labors. At the recent meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association he was justly styled the Nestor of American pharmacy, and likened to the ancient advisor of the Greeks. His benign appearance, and earnest expressions of his ideas at the annual meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association leave an imprint upon our memories which time cannot efface. Peace to his ashes.—L. A. Seitz (President Missouri Pharmaceutical Association, 1906).

Ebert was a good friend and appreciated friendship. He was often misunderstood by his abrupt manner and positive ways, nevertheless a tender heart was easily discovered. He was a "dreamer" in the best sense, often far ahead of his compeers and, like many others, did not realize on his dreams, but opened

the way for others to do so. We will greatly miss him in all the various associations to which he belonged.—George C. Bartels (Treasurer, Ill. Ph. A.), Camp Point, Ill.

It is not possible in a few words to sum up the enormous influence for good of such a life as Ebert's. His instincts were true and there was no more strenuous worker for all that was best on the professional side of pharmacy and no sterner critic of what, in his judgment, was unworthy. He hated exploiting human suffering whether of physician or pharmacist in the greedy pursuit of wealth, and when he took the floor upon ethical questions he quickly dispersed the cobwebs of mere sophistry and went straight to the heart of the matter. He impressed me as a man who more than others could say the strong and the right thing without causing offence or leaving wounds.—Nicholas H. Martin, Gateshead-on-Tyne, England (President, British Pharmaceutical Conference, 1894-5).

He was one of the few chemists whose acquaintance I made on my visit to Chicago and the International Pharmaceutical Congress of 1893.

We were very good friends after that meeting and occasionally corresponded, especially while Dr. Ebert was collecting information on the early history of pharmacy in Chicago. I trust that his records have been preserved and will be published.

I make use of this opportunity to convey my deepest sympathy to his surviving relatives and the pharmaceutical profession of America. He must be a great loss to the American Pharmaceutical Association. He seemed to never tire of working for that organization.

I will never forget how kind he was to me in Chicago and the fund of information which he had about points of interest to a stranger like myself.—T. Ingham, Brisbane, Australia.

Ebert's death was a very great shock. He was so full of vigor and energy that the thought of losing him was not likely to occur to anyone. Even now it is very hard to think of him as being dead. His influence in the Association will be powerful and permanent.—Professor H. H. Rusby (New York College of Pharmacy).

And that inverted Bowl they call the Sky,
Whereunder crawling coop'd we live and die,
Lift not your hands to *It* for help—for *It*
As impotently moves as you or I.

In thinking over Mr. Ebert's public life in pharmacy one is inevitably reminded of Lincoln's lofty injunction: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, let us pursue the right as God gives us to see the right." To me this states the essence of his character with completeness.

The right as he saw it, the truth as it manifested itself to him—this always, and this only, was the object of his desire. He made mistakes—but what man doesn't? His judgment was not infallible—but whose judgment is? The truth as he viewed it was for him the absolute truth. His strength of conviction made it final and conclusive, and his inflexible honesty, his high sense of duty, his lion-like courage, made him pursue the right as God gave him to see it with a passion that swept everything before it like a mighty flood.

But he pursued the right with malice toward none and with charity for all. He was peculiarly impersonal in his attitude. Fierce in denunciation, bitter in

opposition, he would often hurl himself without reserve against something for which one of his best friends stood, but it was the *thing* and not the *person* against which his invective was poured out, and he never lost in private the friendship of any man in public he had opposed with all the vigor of his nature.

Early in my experience in the American Pharmaceutical Association Mr. Ebert once took the floor to denounce a position which I had assumed in a paper. Fearing that as a young man I might be unused to the hard knocks of the battlefield, he came to me afterwards, thrust out his hand and said: "Mason, I don't want you to think I am not your friend. I am. But you are wrong on this question—you are wrong." And he went on to assure me of his liking and regard, and at the same time to labor with me that I might see the light as he saw it. At least twice after that I aroused his vehement opposition, but our personal relations, so far as I could see, were not disturbed in the least.

On the floor of debate no one was spared if he stood in Mr. Ebert's way—if he stood between Ebert and Ebert's sense of the truth. Openly and fearlessly he risked the friendship at one time and another of nearly every man in the Association. But doubtless not a single friendship was lost. Everyone respected him because he was honest and because he held Truth and Right above Men. Others courting popularity, and trimming their sails to catch every passing breeze, lost prestige, while Ebert held his to the last. Somewhere, in some forgotten page of literature, there is a pearl of wisdom declaring that respect is a concealed flower which you shall not find by searching, but which you shall stumble upon by deserving.—Harry B. Mason, Detroit, Mich.

With Earth's first Clay They did the Last Man knead,
And there of the Last Harvest sow'd the Seed:
And the first Morning of Creation wrote
What the Last Dawn of Reckoning shall read.

The place and time when I first made the acquaintance of Albert E. Ebert are indelibly fixed in my memory.

It was in the old town of Quincy, Illinois, in the summer of 1889 that the State Board of Pharmacy met for the purpose of examining candidates for registration. Mr. Ebert was then a member of the board and I was introduced to him in the lobby of the hotel which the board had selected as headquarters. Most of the candidates were callow youths who held the members of the board in some awe. None of the members, however, impressed us in quite the same way as did Mr. Ebert. His grave appearance, accentuated by a long flowing gray beard which almost covered his chest, recalled the medieval chemist, an impression which was not wholly dispelled even when one caught the merry twinkle of his eye and the general lightening up of his features which followed the recital of some humorous story and made the grave, elderly gentleman take on a youthful look. I forgot the branch in which Mr. Ebert examined, but I think it was *materia medica*, of which numerous specimens were exhibited and used in the oral examination. It was impossible for the candidates to regard the venerable examiner with other than feelings of respectful admiration. He seemed so wise, so thoroughly equipped with the knowledge of his subject and yet so gentle and courteous in his bearing toward all. We spent a day or two in quaint old Quincy—one of the oldest cities in the State—and accompanied the members of the board on visits to the places of interest. I recall one enjoyable visit we made

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in the company of Mr. Ebert, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Prickett and Mr. Day to the Old Soldiers' Home, which was then the newest State building in Quincy. My admiration of the man, for the qualities of mind, and for the place he occupied in the profession never diminished, but rather increased as I grew in knowledge of his work in the American Pharmaceutical Association and elsewhere.

The acquaintance was renewed during Mr. Ebert's visit to New York five years ago when I had the pleasure of discussing the meeting in Quincy and at the same time drawing him out on his experiences in Paris during his visit to the Paris Exposition in 1867. One of his companions on that visit was young Clemmons Parrish, the son of the great Philadelphia professor of pharmacy, and I heard much of the trip from Mr. Parrish with whom I was then living. According to Mr. Parrish, Mr. Ebert was then noted for the possession of a wonderful charm of manner, coupled with many genial social qualities, and these, tempered by the attrition of time, he retained to the last.

American pharmacy is the poorer by the passing of Mr. Ebert, but there remains to us the uplifting memory of his character and attainments. A true pharmacist, his constant aim was to elevate the craft and in this he was uniformly successful.—**Thomas J. Keenan**, Associate Editor of the *American Druggist*.

Yet Ah, that Spring should vanish with the Rose!
That Youth's sweet-scented manuscript should close!
The Nightingale that in the branches sang,
Ah whence, and whither flown again, who knows!

The notice of the death of Albert E. Ebert came to me as a great shock. The thought immediately arose how we shall miss him at the A. Ph. A. gatherings, one of the greatest inducements to spending my annual vacations at these reunions has been that I might feel the hearty hand grasp and hear the cheery greetings of those we have for many years been accustomed to meet there. Friend Ebert was essentially one of the most prominent. How we shall miss him, I repeat, energetic, courteous, affable and loving. Although tenacious of his convictions and a good fighter, we need just such men.—**Freeman H. Butler**, Lowell, Mass.

Whosoever had the privilege of coming into contact with Albert E. Ebert cannot but retain a lively and vivid recollection of this remarkable man. There was a peculiar mixture of age and youth in him. His flowing white beard, so uncommon at the present time, the wrinkles of his brow, the tired and wearied expression of his face when at rest, all this betrayed his advanced years; but in a wonderful contrast to these signs of old age was the fire of his eyes, the youthful look of energy, the hopeful glance of victory and success, and like his outer appearance was his speech. Was there ever a truer and more earnest debater than Albert E. Ebert? Everybody listens, the murmur of conversation ceases, men that walk through the hall stop, nobody moves—Ebert speaks.

We knew him well, we listened with attention and rapture to his words of wisdom, we recognized that a man of work, of thought, of experience addressed us, we were glad to hear his advice and we followed him. Thus was the old Ebert, the Nestor of Pharmacy. Suddenly his tone changed. Youthful impetuosity seized him; unguarded words escaped him; his lips quivered in anger

and his phrases flew through the hall like poisoned arrows. He spared none, he attacked his best friends, and was himself not aware of the sting of his bitter words. Thus was the youthful Ebert, carried away by passion and excitement, like an unexperienced youth on the back of a fiery steed that takes him in uncontrolled bounds far beyond the goal.

Thus I have known him; for we often opposed each other on the floor of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Particularly I recall the meeting in Philadelphia, where in the heat of the debate he forgot himself and said what he afterwards regretted. And yet, we all loved him; he never meant to hurt, he had no idea of the sharpness of his tongue at such outbursts. This I also learned. When at the occasion of my election as Vice-president of the Association I mentioned the fact that we often have the bitterest debates with our best friends, he came to me afterwards, took my hand and said: "I am glad you said those words, I know we do, but we do not mean to offend our friends," and then he stopped, our eyes met, we looked at each other for a long time without saying a word, and we both knew that we had found a true and honest friend.

In our meetings, we will miss Albert E. Ebert; we will look in vain for his venerable face with the sparkling youthful eyes. But his spirit will be with us as long as we are true to our profession. His great and untiring labors in the interest of pharmacy will be his everlasting monument, and will inspire those that come after him. We will remember him as one of our pharmaceutical giants, as a man who worked faithfully and honestly in the field that was allotted to him, and who loved pharmacy as his dearest friend.—William C. Alpers, New York, N. Y.

Would but some winged Angel ere too late
Arrest the yet unfolded Roll of Fate,
And make the stern Recorder otherwise
Enregister, or quite obliterate!

During the ten years I was connected with Dr. Whelpley on the Meyer Brothers Druggist, it was my good fortune to frequently consult Mr. Ebert in regard to the conditions of the drug trade in Chicago and other points.

His life seemed devoted to his calling and his aim to better the conditions, not only of Pharmacy but of his fellow men.

Many times while in his store waiting an opportunity to talk with him, I have seen Mr. Ebert fill a prescription for a poor woman, then go to the front door, open it and tell the person he hoped her husband would soon be well and never mind about the pay.

It seems appropriate here to quote from one of the memorial speeches delivered on the late Mr. C. F. G. Meyer by one of the managers of Meyer Brothers Drug Co.

"Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark
And may there be no sadness or farewell
When I embark."

—C. F. Harrison, St. Louiss, Mo., December 15, 1906.

At the beginning of my career as a druggist, I heard quite often the name of A. E. Ebert mentioned, as this was the time of his retiring from the presidency of the A. Ph. A., and his donation to the Association of the sum creating the Ebert prize fund. His liberality was greatly commented upon by men, such as

Habbicht, Hoelke, Sennewald, Foerg and others, who frequently met in the business in which I was employed. Their views gave me an exalted opinion and left a lasting impression of good will towards the donor of such (at that time) magnificent sum. I never had the opportunity of meeting him until 1893, in Chicago during the World's Fair, but more intimately during the Eighth Decennial Convention, for Revising the U. S. Pharmacopoeia, at Washington, D. C., in 1900, there, at numerous instances, to me he appeared a man who realized that he was here for the good he could put into the world, and not for the what he could get out of it, a strong forceful and gentle nature, invariably battling for the right, with unlimited courage, possessed of a judgment invariably correct, and a perseverance seldom equaled. He loved to give, which the fund created, his bequest, proves; yes, the A. Ph. A. never had a truer, or more loyal friend. —Chas. Gietner, St Louis, (Secretary, Missouri Board of Pharmacy.)

Longfellow surely had men of Albert E. Ebert's type in mind when he penned his beautiful "Autumn." The first time I ever saw Mr. Ebert he was, with all his well known force and energy, trying to right a wrong that had been done another. The last time I saw him, he was as sincerely and as actively trying to impart well proven knowledge of a helpful kind to those around him:

"Oh, what a glory doth this world put on
For him who, with a fervent heart, goes forth
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks
On duties well performed, and days well spent!
For him the wind, ay, and the yellow leaves,
Shall have a voice, and give him eloquent teachings,
He shall so hear the solemn hymn that Death
Has lifted up for all, that he shall go
To his long resting-place without a tear."

—Henry P. Hynson, Baltimore, Md.

Albert E. Ebert, my friend, was a man of ideals, not always along lines of least resistance, however, but direct for the truth as he saw it, without regards for friend or foe; ideals born of honest convictions, therefore, always to be trusted. Albert E. Ebert was to the profession of pharmacy what a Church would be to mankind. He was indeed an inspiration to me.—F. W. Meissner, Trustee, U S. P. Convention, La Porte, Ind.

I knew Ebert perhaps, better and longer than you did. Poor fellow. He was ahead of his time and went through more suffering than most of you imagine.

I am sorry I was not in the country at the time of his death and funeral, but I am fully satisfied that you gave him a good C. V. D. A. burial.—Henry Biroth, Chicago. (To a friend.)

My introduction to Albert Ebert was in the spring of 1866. He was then a young man of about 26 years of age with brown, wavy hair and whiskers, both of which he wore rather long, of pleasing manners, and as I thought, rather attractive. He had recently returned to Chicago as a graduate in pharmacy and was then manager of the retail drug and manufacturing business of E. H. Sargent & Co., where I made application for a position, having just finished my apprenticeship in a country drug store. I was turned over to Albert by Mr. Sargent for catechism, and to this day I do not know why I was accepted on trial, except on the theory that I was so "green" that he concluded "to make me over." Being a stranger in the city and having no other place to go, I put in all my time in the store, much of it in his company, thus it was I learned to appreciate

his true worth. He was painstaking and patient with me and stimulated my ambition to become a thorough pharmacist. I was about to leave for Philadelphia College of Pharmacy when Mr. Sargent concluded to place me in charge of a branch store, much to the disappointment of Mr. Ebert as well as myself. But his talks with me in the evenings when we were together in the store, I can never forget. He was an idealist and an enthusiastic disciple of "higher pharmacy." Together, we picked out most of the specimens for the old Chicago College of Pharmacy from the stock, and I am certain he did more work for the pre-Chicago Fire College than all the balance of the druggists in the city. In the fall of '67 he went abroad to study under Liebig, and on his return in '68, after he opened a store at 12th and State streets, I did not see much of him for some years, except as we met in the college or in the societies or when I wanted some advice, which he was always pleased to give; in fact, his store was the Mecca for all young pharmacists seeking knowledge. In later years we worked together for the present pharmacy law of our State and as usual, he had the labor-oar.

Few people understood Albert, I think, as I did; to some he was a roaring lion, to others a bundle of contradictions. He had his morals and inconsistencies, in fact, he was one of those minds who thought "that consistency was the subterfuge of fools"; a born leader and a diplomat, except for his unfortunate temper; under favorable influences and better environment, he would have become one of the great national leaders of this country, aside from his pharmaceutical attainments. Sensitive, high strung, of unquestioned courage, and, withal, a heart as tender and affectionate as a child's. This was Albert E. Ebert as I knew him, and whose memory I shall cherish to the end.—Thomas N. Jamieson, Chicago, former member Illinois Board of Pharmacy.

"Our friend's, our teacher's task was done,
When Mercy called him from on high,
A little cloud had dimmed the sun,
The saddening hours had just begun,
'Twas time to die."

Mr. Ebert's interest in the Chicago College of Pharmacy was characteristic of the man. His activities began with the reorganization of the institution after the Civil War, and during his travels in 1867 he had the needs of the struggling association constantly in mind, securing for it many valuable exhibits of specimens. Upon returning from his trip abroad, Mr. Ebert became editor of *The Pharmacist*, the journal then recently established by the College. In 1871, he assumed charge of the instruction in pharmacy at the School but had delivered only a few lectures when the great fire destroyed the equipment. It was chiefly due to Mr. Ebert's reputation and wide acquaintance that the Chicago College of Pharmacy received the generous assistance of pharmacists of Europe and America, which enabled it to resume its work with much better facilities for instruction within a year after this catastrophe. At the time of the second reorganization, in 1872, Mr. Ebert declined the offer of a professorship but retained his interest which he continued to serve as trustee of the organization.

His crowning labor in behalf of the college was the successful effort initiated by him and carried on for years, almost single-handed, which finally resulted in the taking over of the Chicago College of Pharmacy by the University of Illinois. Assured of the permanence of the institution he had worked for and fought for so many years, he still continued to exercise a fatherly care over its destinies as a member of the Advisory Board up to the time of his death.



CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY GROUP

On the occasion of the visit of Mr. Wellcome, of London, England, a former student, en route to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, 1904.

Upper row: Walter Schmitt, F. M. Goodman, E. D. Irvine, A. W. Baer, W. B. Day, C. S. N. Hallberg.
Lower row: A. E. Ebert, Thos. Whitfield, C. M. Snow, Henry Solomon Wellcome, W. A. Puckner, Henry Biroth, W. K. Forsyth.



Impulsive and warm hearted as Ebert's temperament was, these lovable qualities seldom were permitted to cloud his judgment. Many times have those who opposed him been reluctantly compelled to confess his farsightedness. A warm friend, he was also a good hater, but he fought with the courage born of conviction and disdained to stoop to petty intrigue to gain his ends.

William B. Day, Chicago College of Pharmacy.

My acquaintance with Albert E. Ebert extended from 1873 to the time of his demise. It was he who induced me to come to Chicago in 1884. At all times he impressed me strongly with his intense and unselfish interest in the welfare and advancement of our chosen life pursuit. The signs of danger to the pharmaceutical profession during the last score of years gave him anxiety which he often expressed. When he read the series of articles published in the "American Druggist" in which I attempted to show the dangers to which American pharmacy is exposed and suggested a way out of the wilderness he wrote me a letter dated at his store which I enclose herewith.—Oscar Oldberg, Northwestern University School of Pharmacy, Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 1, 1906.

DEAR PROFESSOR OLDBERG:—It is after midnight and time to close the store, but before I do so, I want to say to you that I have just finished reading the concluding paper of yours in the "American Druggist" of February 26th, and want to thank you most heartily for what you have done for the good of American pharmacy. I wish it could be placed before every thinking person who has any interest in the drug trade. It sets forth in such a clear light and in such plain language the errors that we are laboring under at present and it points out how to rid us of them. How is it possible that this contribution can be brought to the attention of the whole profession, is a thought that I am asking myself as I am penning this acknowledgement to you?

I am at present very closely confined to the store, otherwise I would call on you and express personally my appreciation of this work of reform that you are engaged in for the good of all who are or have an interest in our calling.

Again thanking you, I remain truly yours,

ALBERT E. EBERT.

Ah Love! could you and I with Him conspire
To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things entire,
Would not we shatter it to bits—and then
Re-mould it nearer to the Heart's Desire!

I considered Albert E. Ebert, a man fully equipped in every regard, intellectually, morally, politically and socially, one who commanded the greatest respect in all circles as well as in the pharmaceutical world. He has passed on life's highway, the rock that marks the summit. This great tender and brave man in every storm of life was an oak—a rock—but in the sunshine, he was like a flower. He was the best friend the pharmacist had and he climbed to the highest pinnacle of pharmaceutical success and left superstition behind. He was a believer in freedom and liberty and when a brother pharmacist went to him in adversity or for advice, no one ever heard him say "I have troubles of my own" but he consulted and advised with them cheerfully.—Louis Lehman, Chicago.

For nearly forty years, from the time of our first acquaintance up to the time of his death, Ebert and I were firm friends without a ripple in our friendship.

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Few were privileged to know him as I did in public and private life through prosperity and adversity. I never knew a man who had a higher sense of honor, who was more just to his adversaries or more sympathetic towards his friends. There was never any question as to where you would find Ebert in any controversy. He was always the champion of right as he saw it.

In his private life as husband, father and friend, he was always self-sacrificing and sympathetic. He never failed to do his duty and his personal interest and comfort was the last thing he thought of. In fact, his whole life—and a long one it was, if measured in hours of work rather than in years—was devoted to the interest and welfare of others. His own burdens, which were many and heavy, he manfully bore on his shoulders. He never complained and only his most intimate friends ever knew how numerous and heavy they were.

In every relation of life to me, as I knew Ebert, his character was absolutely without flaw or blemish.—C. B. Allaire, San Antonio, New Mexico.

When to the common rest that crowns our days,
Called in the noon of life, that good man goes,
Or full of years, and ripe in wisdom, lays
His silver temples in their last repose;
When, o'er the buds of youth, the death-wind blows
And blights the fairest; when our bitter tears
Stream, as the eyes of those that love us close,
We think on what they were, with many fears
Lest goodness die with them, and leave the coming years.

My acquaintance with Albert E. Ebert dates from the spring of 1892, when I stopped in Chicago on my way to Minnesota, where I was to organize the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Minnesota. My good friend, Professor P. W. Bedford, gave me a letter to Mr. Ebert, which, no doubt, determined the cordial reception accorded me. My special mission was to learn from Mr. Ebert something with regard to pharmaceutical conditions in the West and I was surprised at and pleased with the substantial information and advice that I was able to take away with me. Since then I have visited Chicago often, but never without calling on this veteran pharmacist who grew to be one of my valued friends. While Mr. Ebert was combative, he usually was on the right side of the question. There were questions, too, regarding which he would take neither side. I was drawn toward him largely on account of the great sympathy he had with the efforts I was and am making in the Northwest toward elevating the status of pharmacy. In his death, I have lost a staunch friend and advisor.—Frederick J. Wulling, Minneapolis, Minn.

Peace to the just man's memory; let it grow
Green with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages; let the mimic canvas show
His calm benevolent features; let the light
Stream on his deeds of love, that shunned the sight
Of all but heaven, and in the book of fame
The glorious record of his virtues write
And hold it up to men, and bid them claim
A palm like his, and catch from him the hallowed flame.

I am very much pained to hear of Mr. Ebert's death. He is a great loss and will be very much missed. Of late years I have been very much drawn to him by his frankness and sincerity. He no doubt made mistakes as we all do, but I am sure nobody that knew him would say other than that they were mistakes of the head and not of the heart.—Chas. Holzhauer, Newark, N. J.

It is with sorrow and surprise I learned of the illness and death of our associate Mr. Ebert; sorrow not alone for myself but the great loss we have all sustained in the feeling we shall no more meet his earnest interested genial personage at our annual meetings. At our last gathering he seemed so earnest in his wish we should meet next in New York, that I looked forward with much pleasure in the hope we should all be spared to enjoy our gathering, and now his work is done, and only the memory of his large-hearted zeal and interest remains with us.—Ewen McIntyre, New York, N. Y.

Albert E. Ebert was perhaps the best known American pharmacist of today, here and abroad, and at the same time the least understood. Anyone who never was in trouble knew him only half, for he delighted to help and aid his brethren in distress. The same Ebert who never learned to bend his voice to authority, poured out his heart in boundless means to the poor and unfortunate among his fellow craftsmen. Who ever knew him in the arena of discussion and on floors of conventions only, and not in the intimate intercourse of friends, knew him only half. Dauntless, relentless, fearless in the offensive and defensive, his highhearted generosity asserted itself in acts of charity, and these were many. As for myself, Mr Chairman, the living Ebert could have asked of me nothing but what I would have done readily and cheerfully; now that he is dead I regard it a privilege to stand here for the C. V. D. A., which he loved so dearly, and for the pharmacists of Illinois, whose valiant champion he was, to bid all that is mortal of A. E. Ebert a most affectionate farewell. May he find that rest and peace in death that life never granted him.—Wilhelm Bodemann, Historian, Chicago Veteran Druggists Association.

Has Nature, in her calm, majestic march,
Faltered with age at last? does the bright sun
Grow dim in heaven? or, in their far blue arch,
Sparkle the crowd of stars, when day is done,
Less brightly? when the dew-lipped Spring comes on,
Breathes she with airs less soft, or scents the sky
With flowers less fair than when her reign begun?
Does prodigal Autumn, to our age, deny
The plenty that once swelled beneath his sober eye?

The role which Mr. Ebert played in the making of the history of American pharmacy and of the American Pharmaceutical Association, but few fully appreciate. Many members of the American Pharmaceutical Association judge him by the impulsive speeches which he was apt to make on the floor of the Association, but these speeches seldom did him justice in the eyes of those who knew not "what he was driving at." The amount of information which Mr. Ebert possessed of the inside workings of the Association was no less astounding than the marvelous correspondence which he carried on at odd moments and during midnight hours while he was conducting his business.

To see Mr. Ebert manage the affairs of his little store in what had degenerated to a part of the slums of Chicago, and then to think of him as the only man connected with American pharmacy who had shown enough love for his profession to endow a fund for the stimulation of scientific research, was an anachronism indeed. That the daily surroundings did not make him a professional pessimist of the worst order any more than the prolonged illness of his wife caused him to lose his good cheer for anything more than short moments, reveals the healthy core in the man. Of late years his supreme wish was that his wife might die before he was taken away, because he realized her utter helplessness without him.

However Mr. Ebert's services to American pharmacy may be judged, he was one of the few who linked the present with the past. Whatever his shortcomings, he was ruggedly honest and fearless at all times to express his honest convictions. He hated sham and fought everything that seemed to avoid treatment above board. This naturally brought him into trouble with others, but he was not in the habit of shirking responsibilities if he but clearly saw them.

To some, who feared him, his departure will be a relief; others, who regarded him as erratic, will no longer have cause to complain because of his "going off half cocked;" still others will genuinely miss his familiar figure and face.—Edward Kremers, Madison, Wis., Historian A. Ph. A.

Here the free spirit of mankind, at length,
Throws its last fetters off; and who shall place
A limit to the giant's unchained strength,
Or curb his swiftness in the forward race?
On, like to the comet's way through infinite space,
Stretches the long untraveled path of light,
Into the depths of ages; we may trace,
Afar, the brightening glory of its flight,
Till the receding rays are lost to human sight.



In Memoriam

Pharmaceutical Institutions

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Resolutions

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In Memoriam

CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

To one, who thru life looks forward to his demise as embalmed in the mystery that surrounded his entrance, the end has no terror.

In the last moments of life our friend was firmly convinced that the judgment of his days of greatest mental activity were judicial and just, he wisht to leave this life untrammelled by theologic theories that the world can never prove to the analytic mind and with a profoundly religious conviction that he had served his fellowman as a true humanitarian, he stept from the stage of activity into the unknown period of eternal repose, resignedly, calmly and willingly, believing that the cycle of existence was complete.

His sympathies in life were for the deluded, he longed for the day that would tear the veil from men's eyes that they might look upon our coming and going with the simplicity, earnestness and faith that marks the belief of the student of nature in science.

Upon the loss of our colleague we may commiserate ourselves and sympathize with each other, but owing to the circumstance that he was at last almost alone in the world with no dependent relatives, we are denied the relief of pent-up feeling which consolation to others, alone affords release. We may grieve and mourn and the tears we shed are the gems of feeling which flow in recollection of a departed friend. Yet, even these are but selfish mementos, for we alone would have the traveler retrace his footsteps after nature has so kindly anesthetized him with her omnipresent euthenasia in preparation for his never ending journey. Would we, conversant with many of his life's trials, even in our acknowledged impotence, call for him to return? Nay. We condone and condole and cherish the thought that at life's close there are no wounds which the grave cannot heal.

In sympathy and sorrow we recall the efforts of the most active and indefatigable worker the college ever knew. No man of his energy and restless activity—his predominant characteristics—could please all, encomiums came from many and expressions of dissatisfaction from others, even his life-time friends would say of him: "He does more good and more harm than any number of others." More excitable than deeply thoughtful, more determined than discriminative, but at all times so keenly earnest that his most cherished opponent would call, at times upon him for an expression of opinion.

Reminiscences of a departed co-worker troop before the mind and the mental vista becomes crowded with incidents which pass as mere memories rather than history.

The early days of his boyhood take us back to the early days of Chicago. In one of the first large retail stores of the city he served his apprenticeship, his was one of the first and most active minds in organizing a school of pharmacy in the West. At the close of the Civil War his name is found as a member of the faculty and for well nigh forty years he has been an active member of the American Pharmaceutical Association; he served his fellows as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy and became associated with every organization designed

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to advance pharmcal interests and upon the merging of the old school into the State University, he became a member of the Advisory Board of the School and was constantly alert to school interests and to the advancement of pharmacy and pharmcal education.

Our school has lost a noble worker and we therefore resolve to ever cherish his memory and pledge ourselves to the work of education and advancement along the lines of his lifetime efforts.

May his name be enrolled on the scroll of fame, in the palace of Valhalla, the only home of immortality which he knew.

F. M. GOODMAN, *Dean*.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS—TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from the scene of his earthly labors our friend and co-worker, Albert E. Ebert; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ebert's untiring devotion to his profession and his almost life-long interest in the School of Pharmacy are worthy of our greatest respect; be it

Resolved, That the Trustees and Officers of the University of Illinois recognize in Mr. Ebert's death the loss of an unselfish worker and a faithful friend; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes as a mark of our respect, and that copies be sent to the School of Pharmacy and to the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy having received information of the death of Albert Ethelbert Ebert, Ph. M., of Chicago, an honored graduate of this college. Be it

Resolved, That by his death, pharmacy has suffered an irreparable loss, his professional attainments, his personal character, and his intense earnestness in furthering every movement for the elevation of pharmacy, endeared him to all.

Resolved, That this college (his Alma Mater) place upon record, its appreciation of the labors of her devoted son, and its deep sense of loss through his death.

SCIO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Be It Resolved by the board of trustees, faculty and students of the Scio College of Pharmacy:

That by the death of Dr. Albert Ethelbert Ebert the retail druggist has lost an able and aggressive champion, ethical pharmacy, one of its clearest and most effective exponents, and American pharmacy one of its most worthy and honored representatives.

That his kindliness of disposition, seriousness of purpose, scholarly attainments, and the untiring zeal with which he defended the cause which he believed to be right, render his death a great and serious loss to American pharmacy.

That there be procured a life-sized crayon portrait of Dr. Ebert, and that the same be placed in the library of the college of pharmacy as a memorial of his services to the cause of pharmaceutical education, and of his labors on behalf of the professional advancement of the American pharmacist.—M. L. Creighton, Secretary.



Mr. Ebert, R. C. Frerksen, W. K. Forsyth, W. Bodemann

CHICAGO FRIENDS



M. G. Motter, Washington, D. C.; Wm. J. Evans, N. Y.; C. L. Diehl, Louisville, Ky.;
H. P. Hynson, Balto; Mr. Ebert.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION FRIENDS

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

WHEREAS, We deem it a privilege, even in some humbler manner, to acknowledge our appreciation of the life work of Albert E. Ebert, whose earlier years were spent in the state of Kansas where his name is still remembered and honored for his nobility of character and his unselfish devotion to pharmacy.

Resolved, That this society, through our dean, express its deep regrets to learn of his death and the loss sustained by the pharmaceutical profession in the one who has so unselfishly devoted himself to its cause in all of its branches.—
L. E. Sayre, Dean, Lawrence, December 20, 1906.

ST. LOUIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Board of Trustees of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, have learned with deep sorrow of the death of Albert E. Ebert, of Chicago, on November 20, 1906, therefore, be it

Resolved (I), That in the death of Mr. Ebert our institution, in common with all others engaged in the work of advancing Pharmaceutical Education, has suffered an irreparable loss.

Resolved (II), That in his death there has been removed one who was a militant defender of the principles and practices universally acknowledged to be for the advancement of both the business and the profession of Pharmacy.

Resolved (III), The St. Louis College of Pharmacy has among its members many who were Mr. Ebert's intimate friends, each of whom suffers in his death, a personal bereavement.

H. T. ROHLFING, }
J. M. GOOD, } *Committee.*
WM. K. ILHARDT. }

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Albert E. Ebert was a force for the betterment of pharmacy that cannot be estimated at this time. That it was ever paramount in his life, all those that knew him can testify.

In the passing of Mr. Ebert pharmacy has lost a pillar of strength, but the results of his great, strong personality must be in evidence for many years to come, and especially must this be true in the affairs of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

New England grieves much at his loss, but, at the same time must be thankful that he lived.

ELIE H. LA PIERRE.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

WHEREAS, we in common with all American pharmacists are called upon to mourn the death of the late Dr. Albert E. Ebert, therefore be it resolved

That in the decease of Albert E. Ebert, American Pharmacy has lost one of its ablest members, a man of broad culture and varied attainments, which were always devoted to the advancement of pharmacy.

That while his abilities would have fitted him to pursue with advantage other callings, he for almost the whole of his career cast in his lot with the humble retail pharmacists whose interests were ever near his heart.

ALBERT ETHELBERT EBERT

That his honesty of purpose and unselfishness in the advocacy of measures affecting pharmacy, always commanded our admiration, the intensity of his utterances being untinged by unworthy or vindictive feelings.

That we sympathize with the pharmacists of his own city and the officers and members of the American Pharmaceutical Association in the loss of one who has labored so assiduously for them and whose place it will be very difficult to fill.

Signed in behalf of the Board of Directors.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., February 8, 1907. W. M. SEARBY }
G. G. BURNETT } *Committee.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to terminate the earth life of Albert E. Ebert, and

WHEREAS the faculty of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Minnesota have so largely and fully profited by the association and friendship of Albert E. Ebert, and by his cooperation in the creation of higher standards of pharmaceutical efficiency and aims and

WHEREAS his long, unselfish and distinguished services to higher pharmacy pharmaceutical education and to all that pertained to the advancement of all departments of our beloved profession,

Be it Resolved, That the faculty of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Minnesota hereby give expression to the respect, admiration and love they have felt for Albert E. Ebert and to the deep sense of loss his death has entailed upon them and the profession.

For the Faculty.

FREDERICK J. WULLING, *Dean.*

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., February 4, 1907.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

DALLAS, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, Albert E. Ebert departed from this life on November 20th, 1906, be it

Resolved, That in his death the pharmaceutical profession has sustained a great loss and its ranks have been reduced by the departure of a valiant, true and loyal pharmacist.

As a man and citizen he was honest, upright and fearless; as a pharmacist he was not only versed but experienced to a high degree in both the art and science of his beloved profession. He possessed in a marked degree the qualities of receiving, assimilating and communicating knowledge and was ever as ready to give as to receive. May his life so worthy of emulation, ever remain an incentive to spur us on in the cause of better pharmacy.

We deeply share in this loss and express our sorrow.

Committee on Resolutions, J. CONNOR CHISHOLM,
CHESTER A. DUNCAN,
E. G. EBERLE.

ALBERT ETHELBERT EBERT

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, OHIO
NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

IN MEMORIAM—ALBERT E. EBERT.

"We can not say—we will not say,
That he is dead, he's just away;
With a cherished smile, and a wave of the hand,
He stepped away to a better land,
And left us wondering how very fair
The land must be since he lingers there."

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, PURDUE
UNIVERSITY

In the death of Albert E. Ebert the pharmacy profession of the United States has lost one of its most able and respected members.

ARTHUR L. GREEN, *Dean*, Lafayette, Ind.

UNITED STATES PHARMACOPOEIAL
CONVENTION

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

WHEREAS, Albert Ethelbert Ebert, one of the original members of the Board of Trustees of the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention, elected in 1900, died, November 20, 1906; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees desire to express their full realization of the loss which has been sustained and the service which was rendered the cause of pharmacy by him during the half century of his constant and useful professional activities.

Resolved, That we testify to his six years of valuable service as a trustee, his earnest conviction of duty and the constant exercise of his abilities in watchful care for pharmaceutical interests. Be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees take some action looking to the perpetuation of the memory of the life and work of A. E. Ebert.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the Committee on Ebert Memorial Volume of the American Pharmaceutical Association and to the pharmaceutical and medical press of the United States.

Signed SAMUEL A. D. SHEPPARD,
Committee JOSEPH P. REMINGTON,
 HENRY M. WHELPLEY (*Chairman.*)

ALBERT ETHELBERT EBERT

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, The American Pharmaceutical Association has sustained a great loss by the death of one of its oldest members, Albert E. Ebert, who died Nov. 20, 1906; and

WHEREAS, The Council desires to record its deep sense of grief and sorrow over the severance of those ties which owing to his ability, energy and advocacy of what from principle he considered right, endeared him to every one of his associates; and

WHEREAS, His work during his lifetime, was one continuous and untiring devotion to the cause and advancement of pharmacy,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That in the death of Albert E. Ebert the American Pharmaceutical Association has lost one of its most valuable members, a loss which bears heavily on the American Pharmaceutical Association and the cause of Pharmacy in the United States, and therefore be it further

Resolved, That we bear testimony to his noble character and great personal worth and of the great example and incentive his unselfish devotion and energy have been to his associates,

Therefore, Be it further Resolved, That these Resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Council and be published in the Bulletin of the Association.

LEO ELIEL.

C. S. N. HALLBERG.

LEWIS C. HOPP.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 26, 1907.

CHICAGO BRANCH A. PH. A.

WHEREAS, In the death of Albert E. Ebert, Pharmacy in America has lost one of its oldest and most loyal and forceful Champions and the American Pharmaceutical Association one of its most conspicuous, ablest and most energetic exponents, and

WHEREAS, He devoted his life to the improvement of pharmaceutic practice, the advancement of education and elevation of the profession, and

WHEREAS, True to his life-long principles and as a practical demonstration of his faith in the great work, he bequeathed his all to the Association.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in his death, Pharmacy in general and the American Pharmaceutical Association in particular has met an irreparable loss,

THAT The legacy of his estate, however generous, scarce compares with the splendid heritage of his name to the Association and the world;

Resolved, That the Chicago Branch of the A. Ph. A. will heartily co-operate with other organizations in the foundation of such memorial as may perpetuate the memory of Albert E. Ebert, its most illustrious member.

ILLINOIS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

The Illinois Pharmaceutical Association in Executive Committee assembled records its profound grief at the loss sustained by Illinois as well as by pharmacy in general in the death of Albert E. Ebert, November 20, 1906. Mr. Ebert was an earnest enthusiastic champion of pharmacy and a faithful worker in our

association from its first beginning. He filled many positions of trust and honor and was ever ready to do the best as he saw it for his chosen life cause, pharmacy.

In his death, the Illinois pharmacists lose one of their most active and earnest supporters, who always under most adverse conditions had the courage of conviction, a virtue so rare in this period of opportunism. Ebert never wavered, his mind once made up, and preferred to go down to defeat with flying colors, rather than go back on his belief of right.

The Illinois Pharmaceutical Association shall cherish Ebert's memory as one worthy of an example to our members.

Committee:

CHAS. A. AVERY.

W. BODEMANN.

WM. K. FORSYTH.

CHICAGO RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, In the death of Albert E. Ebert, pharmacy loses one of its most honored and conspicuous figures, the profession in Chicago a venerable and beloved leader, and the C. R. D. A. one of its most valued members, be it by the Chicago Retail Druggists' Association

Resolved, That in the sense of this association our deceased brother be ever held in sacred memory and his record of good deeds in advancing the cause of pharmacy in education, legislation and organization be continually held up as a noble and inspiring example to the young men in pharmacy and to the profession at large.

MISSOURI PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

The Council of the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association would express to the entire profession and to the near associates of Albert E. Ebert, our friend and honorary member, their sense of the deep loss to us and to the profession through his demise.

The long and honorable record which he made, a bright example to us and to all men, increases our sense of the empty place which will not be filled again, but we and all will be better pharmacists and better citizens from his example and thus, though absent, he will be ever present with us.

Our secretary is directed to furnish a copy of this to the Chicago College of Pharmacy and to the Pharmaceutical journals.

J. F. LLEWELLYN (*Chairman*), WILLIAM MITTELBACH,
WM. E. BARD, PAUL L. HESS, ED. G. SCHROERS, OTTO
F. CLAUS (*Secretary*), L. A. SEITZ, H. M. WHELPLEY.

ST. LOUIS BRANCH OF THE A. PH. A.

We keenly feel that in the death of our friend and fellow-member, our association and the entire pharmaceutical profession has sustained an irreparable loss.

His honest and earnest efforts, at great personal sacrifices, in the best interests of our profession, throughout his long career, have left us lasting benefits.

ALBERT ETHELBERT EBERT

He was, both as a teacher and a practicing pharmacist, a model to which we may all well aspire.

As a man he was always an upright, honest and fearless defender of what he conceived to be right.

As a fellow-pharmacist he was ever to be counted upon to give intelligent work and advice whenever and wherever needed.

We join our fellow-members in their expression of sympathy and sorrow for the bereaved relatives.

Committee: A. A. KLEINSCHMIDT.

HENRY FISCHER.

FRANCIS HEMM, *Chairman.*

THE ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACISTS

WHEREAS, Albert Ethelbert Ebert, for half a century one of the foremost workers for the welfare of American pharmacy died November 20, 1906, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Arkansas Association of Pharmacists, in twenty-fifth annual session assembled, express their deep appreciation of his unselfish and unremitting devotion to the cause. Be it further

Resolved, That we join other organizations in recognizing the far reaching effect of this unusual life.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy be furnished the committee on Ebert Memorial Volume of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

NORTHERN OHIO BRANCH

WHEREAS, We have heard of the death of Albert E. Ebert of Chicago, a member and former president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, we the Northern Ohio Branch of this society desire to express our feelings on this occasion in a fitting manner, therefore be it

Resolved That we deeply deplore the loss which by his decease has fallen on the American Pharmaceutical Association and upon the cause of Pharmacy in the United States a cause to which he was greatly devoted and for which he constantly labored.

That we bear testimony to this great personal worth, his unswerving integrity, his untiring energy and his noble devotion to his chosen profession.

H. V. ARNY, *Secretary.*

TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, The Pharmacists of Texas have heard with deep sorrow and profound regret, of the death of Albert E. Ebert, which sad event occurred in the City of Chicago, Illinois, on November 20th, 1906, and,

WHEREAS, Albert E. Ebert was a veteran pharmacist of wide and excellent attainment in, and thoroughly abreast of the progress of, the profession which he loved, and which he adorned by his great abilities and his lofty character, and,

WHEREAS, He was a man of lofty ideals, of noble impulses, of sterling virtues and of tender human sympathies, to which all who knew him best reverently and gratefully bear witness, and,

WHEREAS, It is but fitting and proper and a debt of moral esteem for one who was gifted, noble and useful, that the Texas State Pharmaceutical Association should thus commemorate the life, attainments and services, and express its profound regret at the passing away of one so distinguished in the profession, Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Albert E. Ebert, American Pharmacy has lost one of its ablest and most distinguished exponents, whose life was given to the advancement of Pharmaceutical Science, and whose services thereto are attested by many excellent, practical and permanent results, in which, though "being dead he shall continue to speak."

Resolved, That in the death of Albert E. Ebert, one of the pioneers of pharmaceutical progress, who, while representing all that was best in the past, embodied all that was good in the present, has fallen in the front rank of our profession. While laboring consistently for the commercial advancement and prosperity of the pharmacist, he yet stood manfully for the ideals of the old time apothecary, holding intellectual excellence and scientific attainment as paramount to all commercial enlargement and gain. The memory of his example shall stand as the sword flame before Eden guarding the highest dignity and excellence of our profession against the encroachments of mere greed and money-making.

Resolved, That in the death of Albert E. Ebert one of the best known and most loved members of the profession has vanished from our visible ranks but not from our hearts and memories. His words of encouragement and cheer to the young and inexperienced student in pharmacy; his hopeful and invigorating utterances ever urging the pursuit of higher ideals and greater proficiency, making them beautiful and declaring them attainable, both by precept and example, shall sound as inspiring music in the ear of many until they shall pass the invisible frontier and join him in the world beyond.

Resolved, That as a tribute to his attainments in, and his valuable services to the profession and in commemoration of his excellent qualities of head and heart, a page be set apart in our Proceedings as sacred to the memory of Albert E. Ebert.

"To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

H. L. CARLETON,
E. G. EBERLE.

The Ebert Prize

Since its establishment in 1873 the following have been awarded the Ebert Prize:

CHARLES L. MITCHELL	. . . . .	1874
FREDERICK B. POWER	. . . . . 1877 and	1902
JOHN U. LLOYD	. . . . . 1882 and	1891
EMLEN PAINTER	. . . . .	1886
EDWARD KREMERS	. . . . .	1887
JOSEPH F. GEISLER	. . . . .	1888
WILLIAM T. WENZELL	. . . . .	1890
ALBERT B. PRESCOTT	}	1897
JAMES W. T. KNOX		
VIRGIL COBLENTZ	. . . . .	1898
HENRY KRAEMER	. . . . .	1899

EDWARD KREMERS	}	. . . . .	1900
OSWALD SCHREINER			
JULIUS O. SCHLOTTERBECK	}	. .	1902 and 1905
H. C. WATKINS			
ERNST SCHMIDT, MARBURG, GERMANY				. . .	1904

RESOLUTIONS BY THE PHARMACEUTICAL PRESS OF AMERICA

The following resolutions have been signed by the editors of the leading pharmaceutical journals of the United States:

WHEREAS, Albert Ethelbert Ebert died November 20, 1906; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the editors of the pharmaceutical periodicals of America, express our sorrow and testify to Mr. Ebert's long and exceptionally valuable life as that of one of the most able, indefatigable and conscientious of public spirited pharmacists of this country.

Resolved, That Mr. Ebert, for some years editor of the *Chicago Pharmacist*, always retained his interest in the pharmaceutical press and was ever ready to co-operate with the editors in a frank and liberal manner. Be it further

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the plan of erecting an Ebert memorial monument and will render the movement material assistance.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Committee on Memorial Volume of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and also be printed in our respective publications.

Henry M. Whelpley, Meyer Brothers Druggist.

Henry R. Strong, National Druggist.

Caswell A. Mayo, American Druggist.

Henry Kraemer, American Journal of Pharmacy.

C. S. N. Hallberg, Bulletin of the A. Ph. A.

Joseph Helfman. and Harry B. Mason, The Bulletin of Pharmacy.

G. E. Gibbard, Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal.

E. C. Goetting, D. A. Apotheker Zeitung.

Francis B. Hays, The Druggists' Circular.

Editorial Staff of Merck's Report.

Charles B. Kauffman, Midland Druggist.

J. W. T. Knox, The New Idea

Guy Ketcheson, The Pacific Druggist.

Ezra J. Kennedy, Pharmaceutical Era.

Clement B. Lowe, Alumni Report.

G. P. Engelhard, Western Druggist.

Louis Phillips, Southern Druggist.

Irving P. Fox, The Spatula.

Tredwell G. Hopkins, The Voice of the Retail Druggist.

Faxon & Gallagher, Western Drug Record.

B. E. Pritchard, Western Pennsylvania Druggist.

Walter H. Kimlin, Continental Druggist.

J. Winchell Forbes, Drugs and Sundries.

J. A. Connelly, McPikes' Bi-Monthly.

Samuel F. Brothers, Medico-Pharmaceutical Journal.

The Ebert Fund

The Ebert Prize Fund was established at the Richmond meeting in 1873, when Albert E. Ebert, as retiring president, gave the A. Ph. A. \$500, the interest to be used for

"The best essay or written contribution containing original investigation of a medicinal substance, determining new properties or containing other meritorious contributions to knowledge, or for improved methods of determined merit for the preparation of chemicals or pharmaceutical products."

This fund at the time of the 1906 meeting amounted to practically \$1,000. At the Indianapolis meeting, Mr. Ebert talked with some of his intimate friends about increasing the size of the fund and scope of its usefulness. When he realized that the end was near, he prepared a new will which leaves the residue of his estate to the A. Ph. A. for the Ebert fund. This is with the exception of \$100 given his foster daughter, Elsie. Through generosity, unfortunate investments and unexpected expense caused by the long illness of Mrs. Ebert, his own illness and the expense and loss of business incident to losing leasehold and being obliged to move his store, Mr. Ebert's once large estate was gradually cut down until but little will remain to be turned over to the A. Ph. A. The provisions of the will, however, show that "the ruling passion, strong in death," was for the A. Ph. A. and its welfare. C. S. N. Hallberg and T. N. Jamieson were named in the will as executors.

Ebert Memorial

The Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association is receiving contributions to the Ebert Memorial Fund and expects to raise a considerable sum. Many friends of the late Mr. Ebert from all sections of the country are responding. Small amounts are appreciated and will be properly acknowledged. Contributions may be sent to either of the following:

Jno. F. Blocki, Sec'y, 7-13th St., Chicago.

W. Bodemann, Historian, 50th St. and Lake Ave., Chicago.

O. F. Fuller, Treas., 220 Randolph St., Chicago.

Nearly \$1,000 have so far been received from members of the following associations:

Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association.

Chicago Retail Druggists' Association.

Chicago Social Drug Club.

American Pharmaceutical Association.

Subscriptions

The following amounts have been received thru the Bulletin of the A. Ph. A.:

C. Lewis Diehl, Louisville, Ky.	\$ 5.00
H. M. Whelpley, St. Louis, Mo. (2nd Subscription).....	5.00
Leo Eliel, South Bend, Ind.	5.00
C. S. N. Hallberg, Chicago, Ills.....	10.00
Frederick W. Meissner, La Porte. Ind.	10.00
Ewen McIntyre, New York, N. Y.	20.00
Edwin M. Boring, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
William McIntyre, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
Martin I. Wilbert, Philadelphia, Pa.	1.00
William Simon, Catonsville, Md.	5.00
J. B. Moore, Philadelphia, Pa.	15.00
Theo .G. E. Otto, Columbus, Ind.	5.00
E. G. Eberle, Dallas, Tex.	5.00
Oscar Oldberg, Chicago, Ills.	5.00
John J. Knickerbocker, Chicago Ills.....	5.00
Edward Mallinckrodt, St. Louis, Mo.	10.00
A. L. Lengfeld, San Francisco, California	5.00
J. F. Dowdy, Little Rock, Ark.	1.00
Frederick J. Wulling, Minneapolis, Minn.....	5.00
Nicholas H. Martin, Gateshead-on-Tyne, England.	25.00
Total received by the Bulletin (Aug. 17, '07).....	\$152.00

The Alumni Association of the Chicago College of Pharmacy has started a movement for raising a Fund which it is expected may become the Foundation for a scholarship in the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy, to which institution Mr. Ebert was deeply attached throughout his life, or to some equally worthy object dedicated to his memory.

The following contributions have been received:

Henry S. Wellcome, London, England.....	\$100.00
Fred'k M. Goodman, Chicago.....	5.00
Almerin W. Baer, President, Chicago.....	5.00
Albert H. Clark, Secretary, Chicago.	5.00
Rudolph E. Rohde, Chicago.	10.00
Wm. B. Day, Chicago.....	10.00
Clyde M. Snow, Chicago.....	10.00
Louis Lehman, Chicago.	10.00
Fred M. F. Meixner, Chicago.	5.00
Albert D. Thorburn, Indianapolis, Ind.	5.00
	<u>\$165.00</u>

Contributions from the Alumni and graduates of the College are solicited and may be sent to Albert H. Clark, '04, Secretary, 36 East 12th St., Chicago, Ill.

Valediction

TO THE FRIENDS OF PHARMACY
AND OF
ALBERT E. EBERT
THIS MEMORIAL VOLUME IS
DEDICATED

This work is largely a compilation of expressions and opinions from fellow pharmacists, many of whom were his life-long friends.

These pages reflect no one man's views, but the impressions of practically all of those who had worked and associated with Ebert during his long career and who knew him most intimately.

This volume is wrought in no vainglorious spirit, but in an endeavor to demonstrate, especially to the younger generation of pharmacists, simply what one man has done to advance their calling, and incidentally to pay him a well-deserved tribute.

The fond anticipation that Ebert's life and work may be an inspiration to many, is the sincere wish and hope of

THE EDITOR,
For the Committee.

CHICAGO, ILL., U. S. A., August 27, 1907.

THE EBERT MEMORIAL FUND.

On the decease of Albert E. Ebert, November 20, 1906, a movement was started by the Chicago Veteran Druggist's Association to collect a fund for the purpose of providing some suitable Memorial to the late Mr. Ebert.

This Fund has grown spontaneously and now amounts to nearly \$1,000.00, in the hands of the Treasurer, O. F. Fuller, Chicago.

Friends of Mr. Ebert are asked to contribute a small amount to this Fund, which may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. O. F. Fuller, care Fuller & Fuller Co., 220 Randolph St., Chicago, or to the Bulletin A. Ph. A., care C. S. N. Hallberg, 36 East 12th St., Chicago, in which all contributions will be acknowledged.

I hereby enclose \$ _____
to the Ebert Memorial Fund.

Name _____

Date _____

A limited edition de luxe of the Ebert Memorial Volume, bound in leather and stamped in gilt, is in preparation.

To members of the American Pharmaceutical Association one copy will be sent on receipt of one dollar.

President, WM. M. SEARBY, San Francisco, Cal.
General Secretary, CHAS. CASPARI, Jr., Baltimore, Md.

Treasurer, S. A. D. SHEPPARD, 1129 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Sec. of the Com. on Membership, H. M. WHELDPLEY, St. Louis, Mo.

American Pharmaceutical Association

Application for Membership

No.

Approving of the objects of the **American Pharmaceutical Association**, and having read Article I of its Constitution and Articles I to VI of Chapter VII of the By-Laws, I hereby signify my approval of the same, and subscribe to them. I also enclose the first year's annual contribution, Five Dollars. (If local bank check is sent make it \$5.15 to cover exchange.)

Any newly elected member upon the payment of the annual dues for the fiscal year in which he is elected, shall be entitled to all the publications of the Association that are distributed to its members during the year. Persons elected later than March 1st, shall not be required to pay the annual dues for that year, but if they do pay such dues they shall receive all the publications to which members are entitled for the year.

Members may obtain a certificate of membership (on paper for \$5.00, on parchment \$7.50) from S. A. D. Sheppard, Treasurer.

Notice of change of address should be given to the General Secretary. The official gold badge will be sent postpaid on receipt of \$2.00.

Name in full.....
Write legibly or print name in full, initials are not sufficient.

Number and Street.....

Date..... Town..... State.....

Recommended by the undersigned two (2) members.

Name..... Name.....

Paid..... Date.....

To be returned to any of the above officers or to the chairman of the committee on membership, Wm. B. Day, 36 East Tenthth St Chicago to whom communications should be made available

American Pharmaceutical Association

Chicago, October 1, 1907.

To the Members of the A. Ph. A.

By order of the Association the Committee takes pleasure in sending you the Ebert Memorial Volume. The Association has just closed a prosperous year with a very successful meeting in New York and expects to still further advance our common interests through active Committee work and Branch meetings during the winter months.

Believing that there are many pharmacists who would like to join our Association you are urged to secure some eligible friend or fellow pharmacist as member through personal call or solicitation and return this blank signed as indicated, your own signature being sufficient for recommendation. Each of the first hundred new members will also receive the Ebert Memorial Volume, so you are asked to act quickly.

Hoping to hear from you soon, we are,

Very truly,

EBERT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

36 East 12th Street.

(OVER)

The Committee
on
Ebert Memorial Volume
of the
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“Be ne’er the primrose path
of dalliance trod”

